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Weight-bearing exercise



Students in Tim O'Connor's Engineering Technology class at Telstar High School recently tried their hands at designing, building and testing bridges. "The material used was 1/8" x 1/8" x 18" pine," said O'Connor. "The assignment was to design a bridge to support the weight of two red bricks, 5.5 pounds each. The span between the table was 16 inches. The style of bridges ranged from platform design to truss." Elijah Mason more than met the requirement. He is shown here showing off his bridge supporting 32 pounds, the greatest weight of the class. Looking on from left are Thomas Luz, Gabriël Sylvester, the visiting Peggy Tripp, and Zachary Stone.

Bethel Furniture Stock property: From wood mill to Masonry Mill

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

More than a decade after the former Bethel Furniture Stock mill closed its wood products operation in the face of foreign competition and high energy prices, a different kind of manufacturing business has moved into the once empty mill buildings on the West Bethel Road. Masonry Mill will soon be cutting and sawing locally sourced natural stone, producing inch-thick real stone veneer for interior and exterior use as siding and on foundations, chimneys, fireplaces, and other architectural features. "It's an amazing natural building material, made from local stone and shipped worldwide," said

Masonry Mill founder Ben Croteau.

Croteau is not new to the natural stone veneer business. Before buying the former Bethel Furniture Stock mill in Bethel, he served as chief operations officer for Stoneyard.com, a third generation family company that has been milling natural stone veneer in Littleton, Mass. for over 25 years.

Stoneyard.com employs approximately 75 people in a thriving business that Croteau helped to build. They produce real stone veneer in five shapes and six distinct natural colors. The milled veneer, which is about one inch thick,

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Bethel board nixes sewer opt-out

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday rejected a request from Main Street resident Rick Whitney for an amendment to the sewer ordinance that would allow property owners on the sewer line, to opt out of the system without penalty.

Whitney had written the board in January saying, "No one should be forced by law to pay for a service they may or may not want. This is not only unfair, it is un-American."

Board Chairman Stan Howe said the requirement to connect originated with the sewer system years ago, for sanitation reasons.

"If you don't want to be involved, you move out into the country where there's no sewer or water system," said Howe. "But if you're living in a community, you need those things."

Selectman Don Bennett said there are state rules that people must abide by.

CEO Jeff Warden said that in order for a property owner to have a septic system, a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet, or about half an acre, is required.

Bennett, who is on the sewer system, said if he had two neighbors with sufficient lot sizes for a septic system, "I'd still rather, quite frankly, they be on the sewer system rather than have a drainage field and a septic system out back."

He also said if the town did allow people to opt out

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Greenwood battles Bird Hill Road mud after Bethel residents on road complain

\$50,000 fix proposed

By ALISON ALOISIO

Mud season struck with a vengeance last week on the gravel Bird Hill Road in Greenwood and Bethel.

About 500 yards of the road in Greenwood was impassable for a time because of deep ruts, caused by a combination of frost coming out of the ground and rain, according to Greenwood officials.

The problem prompted complaints from Bethel residents who live on the upper part of the road. On Monday some of them came to the Bethel selectmen's meeting to ask if Bethel could work with Greenwood on a long-term fix.

Sharon Risley, who lives off the road, said it got bad on Wednesday and even worse on Thursday. She said at that point the road was "dangerous."

Risley said people had to

leave their cars at the bottom of the hill and in some cases walk "well over a mile" to their homes.

"I really think that the conditions overall are deteriorating and that it would be a very wise judgment on everybody to get together and try to come to a conclusion on how to rectify this road," she said.

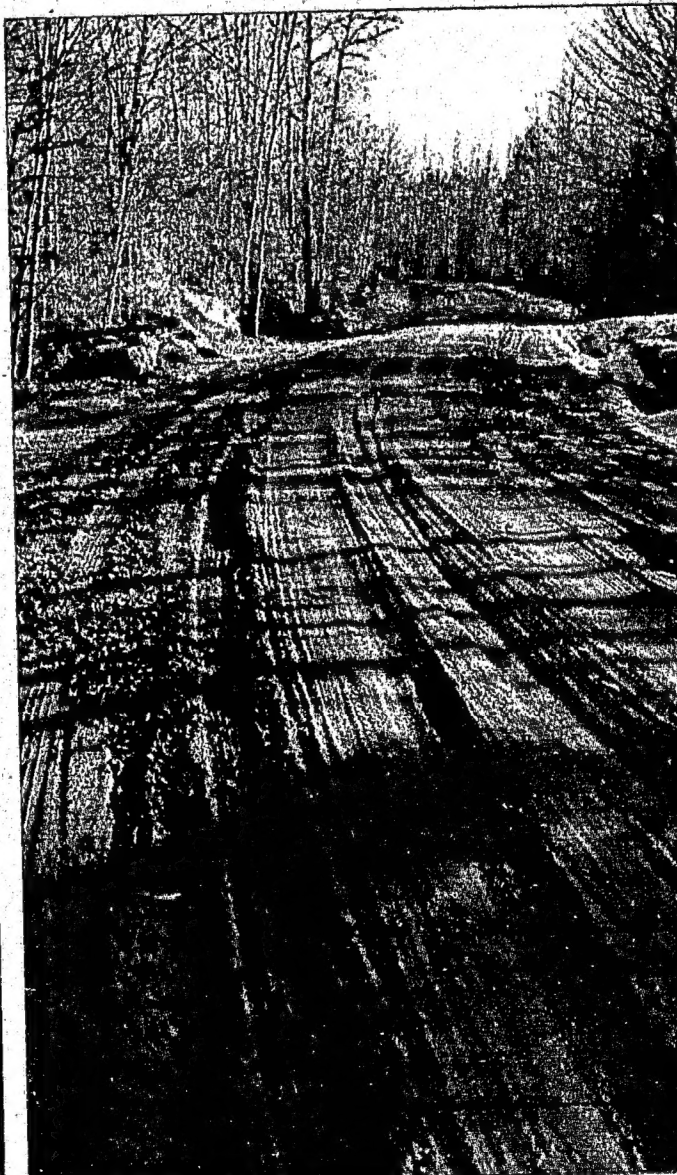
She said there have been problems in other years, but not like this year.

Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes said there are only a few houses on the Greenwood stretch of the road.

She said there was no money in this year's budget to do anything for Bird Hill.

"Maybe if they can fix their portion this year, we could put something toward its upkeep next

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The Bird Hill Road in Greenwood on Sunday. The day before, the highway department placed 112 cubic yards of material on a 500-yard stretch, beginning just above where this photo was taken.

A. Aloisio

Rides task force readies to roll

By ALISON ALOISIO

After getting some nuts and bolts insights into how to set up and run a volunteer-based ride service, a new task force is being organized to start work on providing rides to area elderly and disabled.

A survey done in the Bethel area had identified transportation as the key issue that many people said could cause them to be unable to remain in their homes as they age.

Last week, the Age Friendly Community project brought experienced ride service coordinators to Bethel to share their knowledge.

About two dozen people turned out to hear from coordinators for Portland,

Ellsworth and Oxford County.

Jo Cooper of the Friends in Action program in Hancock County said her organization, which also provides other services besides transportation, has 300 clients served by 180 volunteers. Last year volunteer drivers provided more than 5,000 rides.

"We decide who we can help on a case-by-case basis," she said. In Portland, Katherine Freund is the founder and president of the Independent Transportation Network of America (ITN), which provides volunteer drivers to serve older citizens within about a 15-

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A skills assessment will be held at Telstar Gym for all players 7-12. Players should bring their glove.

*Players that have completed one year of T-ball should also attend.

Softball Assessments

Monday, March 28:

Ages 7-9: 5:30-6:30 ~ Ages 10-12 6:45-7:45

Baseball Assessments

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Letters

BENEFIT FOR ALEXIS SING

To the Editor:

Alexis Sing is a 15 year old who lives in South Woodstock. She is a freshman at Telstar High School. She was found to be in an acute diabetic coma on Jan. 16, and was rushed by ambulance to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland. She suffered swelling around the brain as a result of the diabetic coma, and suffered several strokes. She has weakness on her right side. She has since been moved to the Spaulding Rehabilitation Center in Boston, Mass. to undergo rehabilitation to improve the functioning of her right side.

The cost of medical bills alone is huge, and her mother currently is not working in order to be with her daughter in Boston. Her father and brother travel to Boston on weekends to participate in her recuperation.

A benefit dinner and Chinese auction are being held on Saturday, April 2, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson-Silver Legion Hall in Locke's Mills. The dinner will be a spaghetti dinner, with sauces, salad and breads. Desserts will be a smorgasbord of everyone's favorites! The cost for the meal is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids up to 12, and free for kids under 3. Included in the evening will be a 50/50 drawing and a Chinese auction. The items for the auctions will be announced starting at 6:30.

We are seeking donations for items for the Chinese auction. If you are able would you be willing to donate an item or gift certificate on behalf of this event? We will make sure to give your company its much deserved publicity as we introduce each item during the auction.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or to make arrangements for picking up items that you would like to donate. Your help with this event is much appreciated.

Ellie Newell
Bryant Pond

PLEASE SUPPORT XC SKIERS

To the Editor:

It is our pleasure to congratulate local cross-country skiers Andrew Siegel and Marcus Wentworth for making the 2016 New England Junior National Team taking place this month in Hayward, Wisc. Andrew and Marcus qualified as U18s, and to say that this field is stacked with talented skiers would be an understatement.

Last year, the Bethel Outing Club (BOC) reached out to the community when Marcus made the JN team as a U16. The great news for local Nordic skiing is that it appears that success at this high level is becoming more consistent, maybe even the rule instead of the exception.

If our programs are strong enough to develop athletes of this caliber, we need to be ready as a community to support them when they succeed. Both of these boys, now attending Gould, came up through the BOC, local elementary school, and Telstar Middle School ski programs, and they plan to race in college. The families have written the checks to cover the \$3,100 cost per athlete, but donations to the Bethel Outing Club athlete support fund will help defray some of that cost.

It should be noted that the Bethel Outing Club will also be contributing significantly this year to the 12 Gould and Telstar skiers who have qualified for the Maine teams that go to the New England Nordic Ski Association U16 Championships and the Eastern High School Championships. These multi-day championships are several hundred dollars per athlete.

If you're able, please donate online at www.bethelouting.org or make a check out to the "Bethel Outing Club" with a note saying "to support athlete development" and send to Bethel Outing Club, PO Box 637, Bethel, ME 04217.

Please help us get our athletes to the next level!

Norm Greenberg, Wade Kavanaugh, Jeremy Nellis
Brad Clarke
Bethel Outing Club

CLARIFICATION

ANDOVER SELECTMEN WOULD REMAIN-A story in last week's Citizen on the March 19 Andover Town Meeting described a warrant article for possibly researching an alternative form of government for the town. The story should have clarified that under any scenario, the Board of Selectmen would remain in place, according to town officials.

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SUPPORT BOAT LAUNCH

To the Editor:

Woodstock voters have an opportunity to provide public access to North Pond at our town meeting March 28, 7 p.m.

We have a chance to approve a public boat launch off Route 26, the former Sumner property, near Rocky Road. It will have four parking spaces. It will allow room for trucks with boat trailers to enter, turn around to back boats into North Pond, and head back out onto Route 26. It will greatly improve safety as trucks will no longer have to back in from Route 26.

The public access is necessary for Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to stock North Pond. Since IF & W closed the roadside launch site, they haven't stocked North Pond with fish. Stocking helps maintain the fishery cycle.

Individuals with canoes or kayaks would easily be able to get to the town-owned Swimming Rock and enjoy an outing on North Pond.

This is an investment for the Town of Woodstock, supported by all the selectmen, the town manager and the Woodstock Conservation Commission. Selectmen have worked out the finances so it will have a minimal effect on taxes. Details are in the Town Report.

Come Monday night, March 28, to the Woodstock School at 7 p.m. for the Town of Woodstock's annual meeting and support the boat launch on North Pond. The lakes in our town are for everyone, not just camp owners.

Jane Chandler
Woodstock

FIFTH GRADE FLOWERS/BULBS FUNDRAISER

To the Editor:

The CPS GOT Farms is doing a fundraiser to raise money for our garden behind the school.

The fifth graders plant seed at this time of year, take care of the weeding and watering for the rest of the school year, then the MKA (Mahosuc Kids summer program) take care of the garden throughout the summer with the help of Master Gardener volunteers.

The new class of fifth graders harvest in the fall, the veggies go to the kitchen for general consumption for all students, we also make soups and other goodies for Open House in the Fall.

The easiest way to order is to go to:

http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign/product-catalog?campaign_id=23116

Log in, and order the flowers/bulbs go directly to your house.

Marie Keane
CPS Fifth Grade teacher

THANKS FOR SKI DAY

To the Editor:

I wish to express my appreciation for the generous gesture offered to our community by Sunday River Resort. Sunday March 13 was free ski day for Maine School Administrative District 44 and I enjoyed skiing in the sunshine on a beautiful day. I visited at Maine Adaptive and I even rode up the chairlifts with some young Perfect Turn participants.

Thank you again for all your offerings to residents in local school districts this winter.

Beth Hodgdon
Bethel

SUPPORT SOLAR POWER THROUGH LD 1649

To the Editor:

I write to encourage all Maine citizens, especially our legislators, to support LD 1649, An Act to Modernize Maine's Solar Power Policy.

As I understand it, this bill would greatly promote and increase the development of solar power in Maine. If enacted it would:

- continue net metering for current customers (of whom I'm one) through 2029;
- provide new customers (residential, community, commercial, etc.) a return for solar power they produce; and
- give Maine a comprehensive solar power policy (we're currently the only New England state without one).

Most importantly, this bill could help us reduce climate-warming emissions from fossil fuel-based energy production.

Brendon Bass
Bethel

SUPPORT LD 1649

To the Editor:

We've been watching this issue nationally and within Maine since 2005 and I'm more convinced than ever that Maine cannot afford to let the LD1649 opportunities pass us by. There are just too many positive benefits, both long and short term, that demand Maine act responsibly and promptly to capitalize on the broad spectrum of opportunities it presents. Here are some of the most evident:

- a. Solar energy sources, in terms of manufacturing, installation and maintenance costs, are currently at parity or better in both short term and long term;
- b. Costs will continue to improve with increased competition and advances in solar technologies;
- c. Solar sources will remain relatively stable and far less susceptible to various "market fluctuations" than fossil alternatives.
- d. Fossil energy sources by comparison are subject to wild, unpredictable swings, benefitting only "market players" but hurting WE THE PEOPLE -and the poorest most of all.
- e. Solar provides the opportunity to avoid the steadily increasing costs of production and the degradation of our environment, human health, and economy.
- f. Solar provides the opportunity to re-train Americans trapped in dangerous, destructive and unhealthy "legacy" jobs and equip them for a broad range of 21st century jobs.

g. There is now more than two decades of historical data, both domestic and global, upon which to justify the decision to start making the transition to solar now, not later. (Ref. "Citi GPS Report" Nov. 6, 2015)

The time is now, and we ask you to ask our legislators to do the right thing for Maine by energetically supporting LD1649.

Seabury and Sharon Lyon
Bethel

From the State House

By Rep. Frances Head

A Tribute to Nancy Reagan

Nancy Reagan was a true American icon, serving as First Lady from 1981-1989. I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on her service to our country. I'll remember Nancy for championing the recreational drug prevention effort by founding the "Just Say No" drug awareness campaign. Nancy is also credited for renovating the White House, and hosting foreign dignitaries at many state dinners. She will be remembered for, most of all, her elegance and her contributions she made to our nation.

Here are five of my favorite quotes from the Nancy Reagan herself:

"I am a big believer that eventually everything comes back to you. You get back what you give out."

"As I've said before, time is short, and life is precious."

"A woman is like a tea bag—you never know how strong she is until you put her in hot water."

"You learn something out of everything, and you come to realize more than ever that we're all here for a certain space of time, and, and then it's going to be over, and you better make this count."

"There's a big, wonderful world out there for you. It belongs to you. It's exciting and stimulating and rewarding. Don't cheat yourselves out of this promise."

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Telstar's Sean Caddigan won the Maine State Foul Shot Championship, sinking 50 of 50 shots as well as all 10 practice throws.

Elmer Waterhouse, 98, was presented with Woodstock's Boston Post Cane.

Deaths: Louise Mary Kangas, Tracey A. Hadley.

20 years ago: Richard Duka repaired the arch and supports at the entrance to Andover's Woodlawn Cemetery, which had been bent when a vault truck backed into them.

Heating oil was selling for a cash price of 94.9¢ per gallon.

Birth: Baylee Dawn Hatstat.

Deaths: Michael W. Dickerson.

30 years ago: To date, 120 inches of snow had been measured at the top of Sunday River Skiway.

The Mundt-Allen American Legion Post presented the Bethel Rotary Club with an award for supporting Boys' State.

Birth: Brett Wiese Saunders.

40 years ago: the 125th anniversary of regular rail service to Bethel was commemorated with a special ceremony and the arrival of Grand Trunk locomotive 1776.

The Bethel village area received a 16-inch cover of light snow; depths approaching 20 inches were reported at higher elevations.

Births: Kevin Zimmerman Thurston, Jessie WilLOW Queior.

Deaths: Stanley A. Feitler, Mrs. Bertha L. Davis, Eino J. Seilonen, Beverly Cary Elliott.

50 years ago: David Brown, who had recently enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base.

Local painters Muriel Bowhay, Faye Taylor, and Lucia Tikander had paintings in an exhibition at the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell.

Births: Jeffrey Wayne Chapman, Samantha Sue Merrill, Darrin Marshall Farrington, Kenneth Joseph Cox, Bethany Bates.

Deaths: Ernest S. Buck, Mrs. Ava Austin, Marilyn Ann Clark, Russell Graham, Arthur A. Andrews.

60 years ago: Miss Sandra Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Myers, was crowned queen of the Gould Winter Carnival.

A Crescent Park School Basketball and Cheerleader banquet was held at the Congregational Church.

Deaths: Maude Fairbanks Lapham, George M. Lapham, Homer Crockett.

70 years ago: Three local garages and service stations were broken into and cash taken.

Miss Carolyn Wight was one of 151 student nurses graduated from the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School.

Death: Ralph G. Kenner-son.

80 years ago: Sugar orchards were being tapped.

The weekly issue of the Citizen was printed Saturday owing to power failure caused by the flood.

Deaths: Charles Allen Barker, Mrs. Lottie Leighton, Johnathan M. Twitchell.

90 years ago: Thermometer readings of 13 below zero and lower were reported from many sections.

New prices on Fords ranged from \$290 to \$565.

110 years ago: Miss L.M. Stearns had returned from Boston where she had been to purchase her spring line of millinery, fancy good, etc.

Two teams loaded with river drivers' boats passed through Gilead up the Androscoggin.

Death: John Nelson Fickett.

120 years ago: A paper was in circulation to raise funds to erect a soldier's monument in Bethel Village.

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Rides

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mile radius of Portland 24 hours a day. Riders pay about half the cost of a ride.

Older drivers ready to give up driving may also have the option of donating their car to ITN and putting its value toward ride costs. And volunteer drivers who later stop driving themselves can "bank" their volunteered time toward their own ride costs, she said. Rides are also partially

paid for by medical facilities and grocery stores, said Freund.

She said ITN is currently exploring expanding beyond the suburbs in a new program called "ITN Country."

Freund said she would like to see ride services and scheduling all placed online to lower the cost to small communities.

Also at last week's gathering was Craig Zurhorst, community relations di-

rector for Western Maine Transportation Services.

The bus service is open to the public and drives regular routes in the Oxford Hills and River Valley areas, as well as in Androscoggin and Franklin counties.

Zurhorst said that until 2006 a bus also served the Bethel area, but was discontinued when ridership declined.

He said currently the seasonal Mt. Explorer bus

service between Bethel and Sunday River is used by some older residents to get around the immediate Bethel area.

The agency representatives also talked about the challenges for their organizations, which varied according to the agency. They including community support, number of volunteers and funding.

Another issue that varies by organization is the extent to which they con-

duct background checks on volunteer drivers or require confidentiality forms for drivers transporting patients to medical appointments. But all said they have worked out arrangements to everyone's satisfaction.

Potential task force members

Local Age Friendly Community organizer Al Cressy said several people have expressed interest in becoming members of the

new task force, including himself, Jim Chandler, Zurhorst, Brooks Morton, Joan Walton (transportation planner for the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments) and Peter Morelli (AFC program manager in Maine for the American Association of Retired Persons).

Other members are being sought. Anyone interested is asked to contact Cressy at 824-0508 or at ajcressy@megalink.net.

Mill

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From top: Ben Croteau, his wife Lakin, and their three sons.

Locally sourced stone will be cut and milled into inch-thick real stone veneer that can be used as exterior siding on buildings or in applications like chimney facings, fireplaces, and other architectural features.

Water-cooled diamond saws are used to cut natural stone into inch-thick slices, which are then shaped for various architectural applications.

Submitted photos



weighs less than 14 pounds per square foot and can be applied to the surfaces of new construction or renovation inside or out. Specially milled 90-degree corners give it the appearance of full-thickness stone in applications, without the additional weight.

The Masonry Mill in Bethel will use locally sourced stone from farmers, landowners, and quarries to produce stone veneer and will supply customers nationwide, Croteau said.

After many years in the family business, he is eager to take on the challenges and responsibilities of running a mill on his own.

He is looking forward to relocating his family, which includes his wife, Lakin, and their three sons, who are eight, six, and one, to the Bethel area from their current home in New Ipswich, N.H.

"The boys are very excited," he said, adding that he has always been familiar with Bethel and has family roots in the area.

"This mill is in a great spot, and it's a great opportunity," Croteau said of the manufacturing plant that has been largely empty since Bethel Furniture Stock closed its doors.

The wood mill's work-

force had dwindled from more than 90 employees to about 30 at the time of the 2005 closure.

"The first thing to go from the facility was the boiler, so not much happened at the mill after that," said former Bethel Furniture Stock employee Eric Boyle-Wight.

A timber-frame business was located in one of the buildings for several years, and Kennebec Lumber maintained a log concentration yard on the property until recently, he said.

Within the past few years, former owner Leon Favreau sold the mill to lumber importer Rory Wood, owner of Rare Woods USA in Mexico, Maine. Wood used it to warehouse the lumber he imports from all over the world, but nothing was done to revitalize the mill until Croteau purchased the property late last year.

"I got started right after purchase on turning the bending shed into a saw shop, and the old saw shops will be buildings that the rock shaping, packaging, and cleaning/inspection takes place in," Croteau said.

He said a new heating system to replace the old boiler is in the works, and added that the stone veneer business does not re-

quire steam from a boiler for processing materials like Favreau's wood furniture business did.

Croteau said he is excited about bringing a manufacturing business back to Bethel.

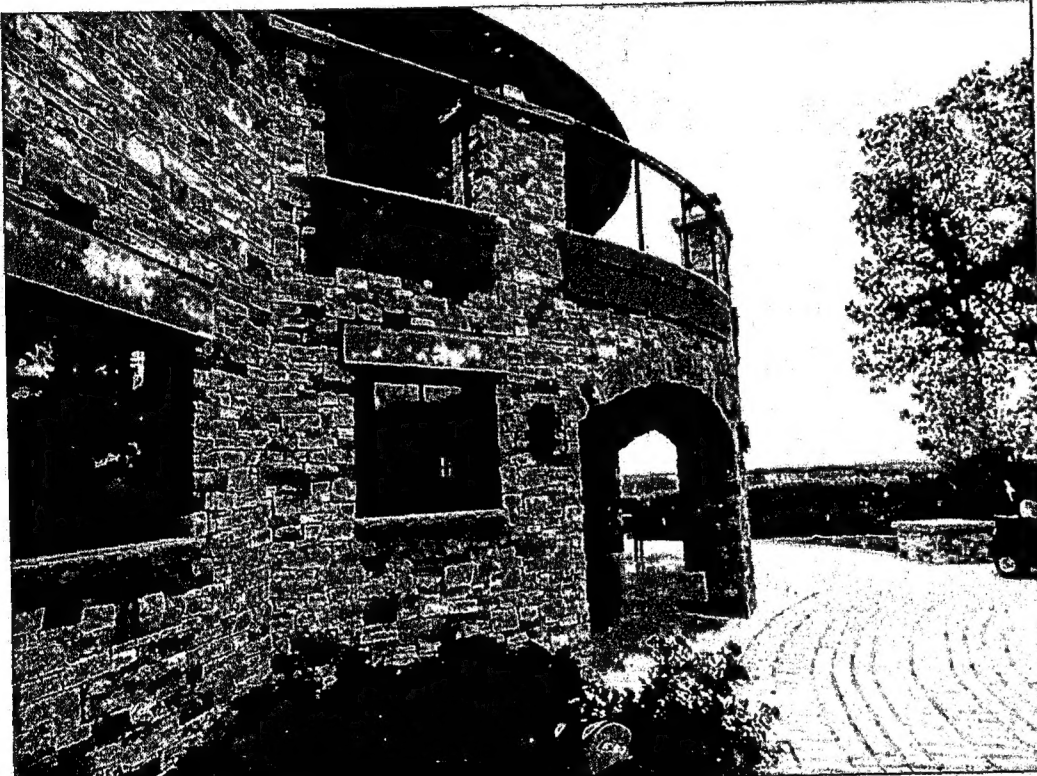
"I didn't want to see this place rot to the ground," he said.

Water and diamonds are all that is needed to turn local stone into a variety of Masonry Mill products, Croteau said. Diamond cutting blades in the specially-designed stone saws are continually cooled with running water during the manufacturing process.

Eventually, he predicts, his mill could have a sizeable impact on the local economy.

Although he plans to start small, working with just one or two employees, once the mill is fully operational, he will need workers to perform a variety of tasks, including cutting, splitting, and packaging the stone veneer products, as well as sourcing the raw stone from which they are manufactured.

"It's very exciting to manufacture something, to make a good product. The main things I need are great workers and materials," said Croteau, who believes he will find plenty of both in the Bethel area.



The former Bethel Furniture Stock property, now home to Masonry Mill.

A. Aloisio

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Maine business, nonprofit leaders tour Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

More than three dozen business and nonprofit leaders from across Maine came to Bethel recently and learned about Mt. Abram, the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, the Bethel Inn, The Gem Theater and other local businesses.

They were here with the Maine Development Foundation's "Leadership Maine" class to, among other objectives, learn about the economic drivers of Western Maine and understand the importance of tourism.

The MDF is a private, nonpartisan organization designed to drive long term economic growth in Maine, according to Yellow Light Breen, MDF president.

The Leadership Maine class seeks to "connect people across sectors," said Breen, in the hope of helping to fuel Maine's economy. The class is evenly split between business and nonprofit members.

Through the connections made, the class members later "become a decentralized network. We like to knit them together through leveraging technology," Breen said.

The leadership program this year includes senior managers and top executives from all over Maine, in areas that include construction, shipbuilding, health care, higher education, banking, research labs, veterinary health products, restaurants, dental practices, mental health providers and chambers of commerce and the state treasurer, he said.

On March 4 the group visited Mt. Abram to learn about the ski area's environmental-friendly energy projects and development plans for the future.

They also toured the still-developing MM&GM facility.

The class was visited at the Bethel Inn by theater and Gneiss Spice owners Wade Kavanaugh and Beth Weisberger, Maine Balsam Fir Products owner Wendy Newmeyer and representatives from Maine Energy Systems. They also heard from Bethel Inn Managing Partner Allen Connors Robin Zinchuk of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce on promoting Maine as a year round destination.

The Leadership Maine class has been offered for 23 years, and is structured around such activities as team-building retreats and tours of Maine to take in a wide variety of economic initiatives, businesses and organizations driving the regional and state economies.

With this class the number of participants over the years will top 1,000, Breen said.

He said past class projects have helped inspire initiatives such as Project Login, an effort to grow the number of computer scientists and engineers in the state, and the Focus Maine program, aimed at accelerating job creation in targeted sectors.

The MDF has other programs as well, including tracking Maine's economy and publishing the annual "Measures of Growth" report, which compiles such information as new business starts, number of high speed Internet subscribers, education measures and the costs of energy, health care and doing business.

MDF also supports the Maine Economic Growth Council, which sets goals for the future in those areas.

"We play a pretty unique role," said Breen.

Applications are now being accepted for the next Leadership Maine classes. For details and more information on MDF go to MDF.org.

Local Nordic racers make the best of a challenging winter

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

"This is amazing," said Bob Osborne of East Montpelier, Vermont. "There's no snow left in Vermont, even in the woods."

Osborne was watching Telstar Nordic coach and Bethel Outing Club member/coach Wade Kavanaugh move snow and ice with a rake, pickaxe, and shovel to ensure the best possible conditions at the New England U16 Nordic Championships, held last weekend in Bethel.

The winter of 2015-16 has been the warmest on record across most of the U.S., and no one knows better than a Nordic ski coach how challenging unseasonable warmth during the racing season can be.

After two winters with above-average snowfall totals, this year's snow drought and warmer temperatures have meant many Nordic teams in the northeast have struggled to find enough snow for training and racing.

Just a few days before they were to start, snow conditions forced the U16 Championships to be relocated from Black Mountain in Rumford to Gould Academy's Pine Hill trails.

"In my eyes, it's an honor that we'd be considered as a site for such a big race," said Kavanaugh, who shares Nordic coaching duties at Telstar with science teacher Sarah Southam.

With warm weather and rain in the forecast, Gould and Telstar coaches and

members of the BOC and the Chisholm Ski Club mobilized their troops.

Gould coaches Fred Bailey and Brad Clarke "worked around the clock to ensure that the race course was challenging enough for a championship event, but also fair and safe for all participants," Kavanaugh said.

Groups of local volunteers spent several sessions on Thursday and Friday shoveling snow from the woods onto the trails before the start of the event.

Despite Thursday's mid-60s temperatures and rain, their efforts allowed Friday's freestyle races, which were changed from a mass start to an individual start due to the narrow width of the trails, to take place as planned.

With colder weather predicted overnight before Saturday's scheduled 4.5-kilometer classic race and 1.5-kilometer classic sprints, Bancroft Contracting volunteered their services to transport a PistenBully groomer from Bretton Woods, N.H. to break up the ice on the trails and set tracks for the races.

Race official Bill Henchey and BOC member Bruce Pierce spent the morning grooming the trails to prepare them for the classic race.

Following the Saturday afternoon sprints, dozens of parents of racers from around New England scoured the woods with shovels, snow scoops, and sleds to make sure the

trails would be in shape for the final races the following morning.

"We had a parent shoveling party after the race," said Eileen Opie of Bethel, whose daughter Marta, a Telstar sophomore, skied for the Maine team at the U16 races.

Opie said she worked alongside parents of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts racers. She praised the organizational skills of the BOC and Chisholm Ski Club, and said the challenging conditions had brought out the best in people.

"You get those quiet, dedicated people who just know when to show up," she said.

Despite the fluctuating temperatures and lack of snow throughout the winter, local coaches say it has been a very rewarding race season for their Nordic skiers.

Seven local racers competed in last weekend's U16 Championships in Bethel: Telstar's Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Ricco Call, and Marta Opie, and Gould racers Duncan Forbes, Lilo Bean, Livy Clarke, and Mia Shifrin.

Last month, the Gould boys' team took first place at the New England Prep School Championships at Gunstock Resort in New Hampshire.

Telstar senior Carla Boyle-Wight capped her high school racing career by taking fourth place in the Maine Principals Association Class C State Championships at Black

Mountain in February.

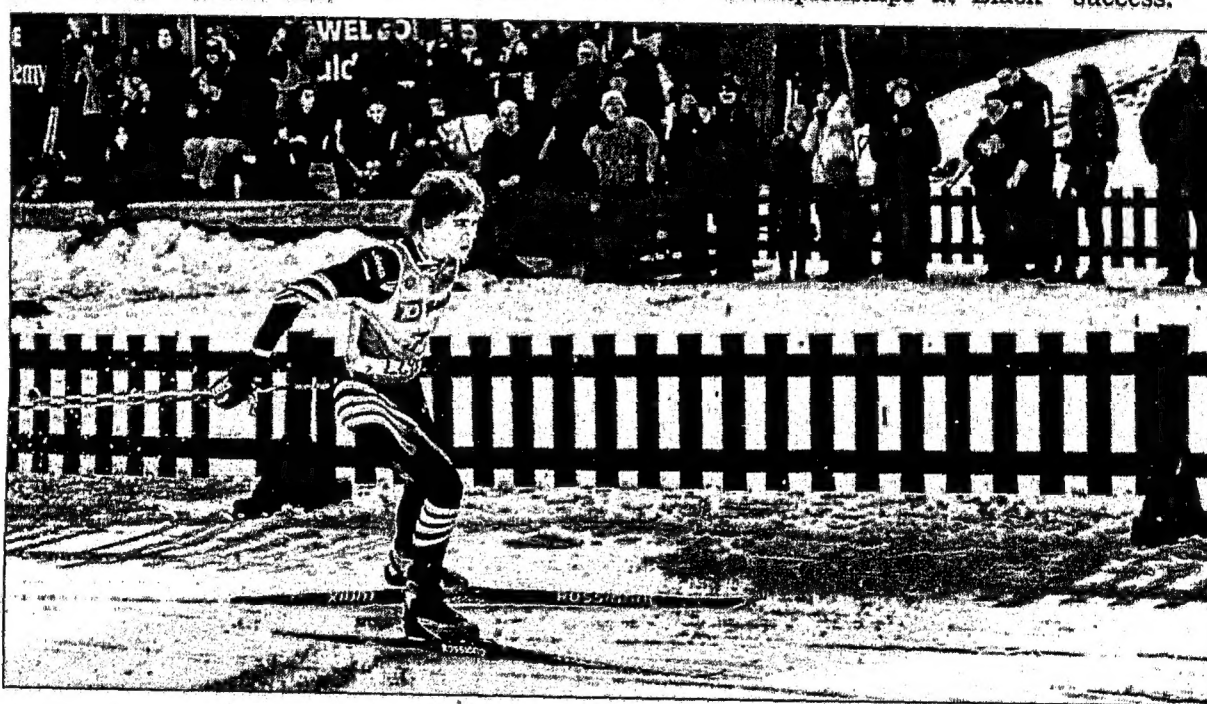
This weekend, Boyle-Wight will travel to Rikert Nordic Center in Ripton, Vermont to compete in the Eastern High School Championships as part of a Bethel contingent of racers that also includes Gould's Ben Alford, Caleb Clarke, Marcus Wentworth, and Forbes.

Wentworth and fellow Gould team member Andrew Siegel were in Wisconsin last weekend, accompanied by Gould's head Nordic coach, Jeremy Nellis.

Both competed in the Nordic Junior National Championships after qualifying for coveted spots on the New England team. The New Englanders won the Alaska Cup, scoring the most overall points during the four days of competition.

And former members of local Nordic teams continue to make their high school coaches proud. Cornell University racer Adam Mahar, a 2012 Telstar graduate, and Gould alums Sadie James (Bates), Molly Siegel (Dartmouth), and Kyle Curry (St. Lawrence) all competed and scored points for their college teams this season.

"The success of our local kids this season isn't a fluke," Kavanaugh said. "We're all in this together: Gould, Telstar, the Bethel Outing Club, and now the Chisholm Ski Club, too. We collaborate whenever possible to give our kids the best possible odds for success."



Gould Academy's Duncan Forbes of Andover skis in last weekend's U16 Nordic Championships, held on the Gould course.

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Sewer

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of the system, there would have to be an ordinance provision for holding tanks and a plan to get at them to pump them.

Bennett concluded that "as un-American as I am," he could not see a way to make it work.

Added Selectman Peter Southam, "As long as we're going to be a first

world country, that's the only way to make it work with this kind of population ... If one of those [septic] systems failed, then you've got a catastrophe on your hands."

In other business Monday, selectmen approved a change in the fee system for Bethel recreational teams to charge the same

for both residents and nonresidents (\$25 per person or \$35 per family), in order to encourage more participation.

They also approved a late registration fee of \$20. Landes added that Bethel will now also likely ask other towns for a contribution toward the Bethel rec program.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

A moment of silence please for the passing of Ray Tomlinson ...

I'm sure that Ray Tomlinson is not a household name, but his invention enters into most households and just about everywhere in the world. Ray Tomlinson changed the way we communicate these days. Ray Tomlinson invented e-mail.

Back in 1971 when Mr. Tomlinson played around with the idea of sending a message from one computer to another, home computers were virtually nonexistent. Office computers were primarily data storage facilities and cell-phone were a thing of the future. The Internet as we know it did not exist.

Mr. Tomlinson had no idea back then of the communication explosion that would evolve from his little humble invention. I certainly have no idea how the first very limited e-mail evolved to where it is today, and if it was explained to me I know I wouldn't understand it anyway.

I do understand that my primary form of communication is through e-mail. I'm ashamed to say that I just don't pick up the telephone to call friends and family as much as I used to because e-mail is so much easier even though it is so impersonal.

In my working world e-mail is a fast and efficient way to go. There are even

some neat options such as you can flag the e-mail with a cute little red flag to show the recipient that the e-mail is important, or at least that you think it is. You can even, with the click of the mouse receive a message that your message has been received and even when the message is opened. Amazing!!! That's really great in the business world, but in my own private world I don't do so well. For one thing I have gotten very lazy

I was so excited when my first e-mail arrived.

about even checking my e-mail and when I finally get around to the "Inbox" it is so full I don't even want to deal with it.

When I first got a computer and connected to the Internet I was so excited when my first e-mail arrived. I found myself checking several times a day for new messages. In no time at all I was getting plenty. I was delighted at all the jokes my friends would send and would promptly forward them onto everyone in my address book.

Then I started getting e-mail from people out of the country who would give me a heck of a lot of money if I would represent them

in one way or the other because they were very rich, but couldn't claim it without my help. I'm sure that was some kind of scam so I just deleted them. I also got a lot of e-mails offering products that would enhance various parts of my body. I deleted those too, especially since I didn't even have the body parts to be enhanced.

I got e-mails notifying me that I had won something or I might win something if only I would call the contact number of the sender and I'm sure an upfront cost was involved. I deleted all of those too.

If got so I was spending so much time deleting junk mail that I didn't have time to read or forward all of the jokes I was getting from friends. Eventually my friends stopped sending me jokes since they were not getting any from me.

Now I check my e-mail when I get around to it, which isn't all that often. I'm grateful, however, that I do have it to send a note to a friend every now and then and occasional send pictures to those I think would be interested.

So, I'll have a moment of silence out of respect for the late Ray Tomlinson and thank him for his incredible invention. And, the way I see it...tell you what, I'll just e-mail that thought to you when I get around to getting into my e-mail.

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Briefly

MDOT plans rumble strips in Bethel

BETHEL-The Maine Department of Transportation plans to build a rumble strip on the center line of Route 2 in Bethel, according to a letter sent to Town Manager Christine Landes. Rumble strips create noise and vibration when a tire crosses them, possibly getting the attention of a drowsy or distracted driver and preventing an accident. The Bethel work is expected to take place this summer. The strip would be constructed in areas where the speed limit is 45 miles an hour or more and there are shoulder widths of at least four feet. There will be breaks in the strip for side roads and entrances, according to the letter. Bids for the work are expected to go out in May. For more information on rumble strips go to www.maine.gov/mdot/safety/docs/rumblestrip-brochure-general.pdf.

Bethel seeks formula members

BETHEL-The Town of Bethel is seeking two citizen volunteers for the SAD 44 cost-sharing committee that will consider a new formula for spreading the district tax burden among the towns. A proposal crafted by the committee could potentially shift some of Newry's current share to the other town. Any proposed changes would have to be approved in a district-wide referendum. Each selectboard must appoint two representatives to the cost sharing committee. Anyone interested should contact the Bethel Town Office.

Newry appoints formula members

NEWRY-Selectmen Tuesday voted unanimously to appoint Robert Lowell and Selectman Jim Largess to the SAD 44 cost-sharing committee (see related Bethel item, this section), according to Town Administrator Amy Bernard. Brooks Morton had also expressed interest, she said. In other business, the board re-elected Gary Wight as chairman, signed a resolution supporting the regional Heart & Soul program and decided on steps toward implementing an improvement project on the Sunday River Road, for which voters recently approved up to \$850,000 in bond funds. The board will next seek three engineering quotes and drawings for the work, then put it out to bid and secure a loan, Bernard said.

Woodstock: formula panel, Union Church, Heart & Soul

WOODSTOCK-Selectmen Tuesday appointed Selectman Ron Deegan to the SAD 44 cost-sharing committee (see related Bethel item, this section). They are still seeking a citizen at-large member for the panel. In other business, they said the old Union Church will not be burned by the Fire Department, as originally planned, but that someone is interested in taking it down to reuse its parts. The board also agreed to join the regional Heart & Soul program.

Road

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Sharon Risley (standing) speaks to Bethel selectmen Monday about the condition of the Bird Hill Road.

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year," she said.

GREENWOOD TO PROPOSE FIX

The Bird Hill Road was closed for a time last week, and selectmen held an emergency meeting early last Friday morning to discuss their options.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said the road has had mud problems in past seasons, but this year is particularly bad. The situation has been aggravated by an increased amount of road traffic due to new subdivisions in Bethel, she said.

Sparks said the road residents complained to Greenwood officials about the situation, worried that if there was a house fire or a medical emergency that personnel would not be able to get through.

A Bethel resident who attended the special Greenwood meeting said she and others would sue the town if a house was lost or someone died, according to the meeting minutes.

The Greenwood officials said in the past residents accepted it was mud season and would walk the road, but expectations today are different.

The selectmen also said they needed to keep all

Greenwood taxpayers in mind in deciding a short term solution. They also asked Sparks to come up with an estimate to fix the road to take to voters at the annual Town Meeting in May.

On Saturday, the Greenwood highway crew put down 112 cubic yards of gravel to firm the road up enough to make it passable, Sparks said. For comparison, during the past five springs the town has put down 20, 2, 0, 19 and 24 cubic yards, respectively, Sparks said.

The Bird Hill Road was not the only one in Greenwood with mud problems. Sparks said gravel was also hauled to the Hobbs Road (112 cy) and Sheepskin Bog Road (147 cy).

The total cost for the work on all the roads was \$5,451, town officials said. Sparks said she had also heard from residents of Morse and North Norway roads about conditions.

Regarding town obligations in such circumstances, Peter Coughlin of MDOT said the town must keep the road "safe and convenient. Whether it's mud, or potholes, or dangerous culverts, or deadly fixed objects, a town is obligated to keep its right-of-ways in

a safe and convenient condition as long as it has had 24 hour notice. On damages, if the town has 24 hour notice that a 'defect' exists, and damage occurs after that, a claim can be made to the town for repairs."

At Tuesday's regular Greenwood selectmen's meeting, the board and town officials said the question of raising money for improvements to the Bird Hill Road has never been brought to voters.

The selectmen decided to propose at this year's Town Meeting that geotextile and gravel be put on the Bird Hill, Hobbs and Sheepskin Bog roads. The amounts of \$50,784 for Bird Hill (geotextile and 18 inches of gravel); \$25,618 for Hobbs and \$22,178 for Sheepskin Bog (geotextile and 6-9 inches of gravel for each) will be included in one warrant article. The board said voters could subtract out any work they do not wish to do.

Chairman Fred Henderson said it would be good to find out ahead of the Greenwood Town Meeting if Bethel will do anything to help with the Bird Hill Road, and he speculated Greenwood voters might be more likely to approve

the work if help was offered.

Selectman Amy Chapman said the upcoming year is an "opportune" one financially for the work, because the town is between road bonds.

Said Henderson, "If we present it to [voters] we've done our part."

OTHER GREENWOOD BUSINESS

In other business at Greenwood's Tuesday meeting, Sparks said three people have expressed interest in being on the SAD 44 cost sharing formula change committee - Henderson and two of the town's school directors, Larry Merlino and Norm Milliard. The board decided to wait until the School Board appoints the required one director from each town before appointing the other two people. No one else has shown interest, Sparks said.

The selectmen also learned that a grant application for funds to help pay for a joint property revaluation with Woodstock was not approved because the grant funds had been eliminated.

The towns hope to do a reval in 2017. Greenwood's cost is now an estimated \$75,000, Sparks said.

From the

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, March 7

At 8:22 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham stopped a vehicle on the Flat Road in Bethel. The driver was given summonses for operating without a license and operating an unregistered motor vehicle greater than 150 days.

At 9 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney spoke with a subject in Bethel about a possible threat. The incident was documented and the complainant advised to pursue a protection from abuse order.

Wednesday, March 9

At 8:24 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham stopped a vehicle on Lincoln Street in Bethel. The passenger was taken into custody on an outstanding warrant and the driver was summoned for possession of marijuana.

Thursday, March 10

At 3:52 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham contacted a Bethel school regarding an incident between two students that happened the day before.

At 8:34 a.m. Deputy Michael Fitzmorris responded to Vernon Street in Bethel for a report of a theft from a vehicle. It was found a small amount of change was taken. The investigation was ongoing.

Friday, March 11

At 4:19 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco was assigned to investigate a report of theft of mail from a rural route mailbox on Intervale Road in Bethel. The case was under investigation.

Saturday, March 12

At 1:28 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald responded to a report of an attempted theft of a motor vehicle on Mason Street in Bethel.

At 10:11 a.m. Deputy Michael Fitzmorris responded to a report of a theft of a wallet from an unlocked vehicle on Elm Street in Bethel. The incident was under investigation.

At 11:57 a.m. Deputy Michael Fitzmorris conducted a traffic stop on Mayville Road in Bethel for an inspection violation. On investigation Mitchell J. Cooper, 41, of Bethel was summoned for operating without a license.

At 12:09 p.m. following a traffic stop on Sunday River Road, Deputy Michael Fitzmorris arrested Nathan Bailey, 41, of Bethel on a warrant for failure to appear.

At 12:43 p.m. Deputy Michael Fitzmorris received a report of a hypodermic needle found on the side of the Flat Road in Bethel. He was unable to locate the item and the complainant could not be reached.

Sunday, March 13

At 7:04 a.m. Deputy Michael Fitzmorris responded to reports of harassing phone calls on Chapman Hill Road in Bethel. The investigation was ongoing.

From the

OCSD Jail Log

March 9, 9:18 p.m.: Jonathan G. Toothaker, 20, of Bethel, failure to pay fines; by Deputy Steve Witham in Bethel.

March 12, 1:08 p.m.: Nathan K. Bailey, 41, of Bethel, failure to appear; by Deputy Mike Fitzmorris in Bethel.

March 12, 2:15 a.m.: Kurt E. Hansbury, 42, of York, OUI; by Deputy Derek MacDonald in Bethel.

March 13, 9:40 p.m.: Joshua G. Krahn, 23, of Greenwood, theft; by Deputy Nathan Bowie in Greenwood.

March 14, 10:07 a.m.: Nicole R. Petillo, 33, of Bethel, failure to appear; by Deputy Andy Whitney in Bethel.

Woodstock Residents

The Annual Woodstock Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Woodstock Elementary School.

The Annual Town Reports will be delivered by the US Postal Service on or before March 12, 2016. Copies will be available at the Town Office on March 14, 2016.

Just a reminder that Dog Licenses are now overdue. There will be an additional fee for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2016. It will be \$25.00.

Notice to Veterans

Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

Blind Exemption

Exemptions are available to persons determined to be blind within the definition provided by title 22, Chapter 959, who are receiving aid under that Chapter. Exemption must be filed with Assessors before April 1st of the year in which the exemption is expected to begin

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Maine Homestead Exemption

If you are a legal resident of the State of Maine, have owned homestead property in Maine for at least the past 12 months, or owned a homestead in another Maine municipality within the past 12 months and declare this homestead as your permanent place of residence, you may meet the requirements to qualify for a Homestead Exemption under the terms of the homestead exemption statute Title 36 M.R.S.A. Sections 681-689. Please contact your local Town Office for more information.

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Week's happenings
First, Friday night was "Ice Out" time on the river. And second, although work seems to have started on the Route 2 bridge job, it has not yet imposed any traffic controls.

The Bethel

Democrats Caucus

At the Democratic caucuses on Sunday, March 6, there was a total attendance of 285 including a total of 40 absentees. This attendance compared to only around 150 at the 2008 caucus. Delegate tally for Bernie Sanders was 16 and Hillary Clinton five delegates. Bethel's turnout was 114 total with 92 present and 22 absentee votes.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Activity in 1972

Town Manager Elwyn Dickey's report in the 1972 Town of Bethel Annual Report had a familiar sentence. "The Sewer Account is overdrawn by a large sum, most of which will be covered through the Bond Issue. We should be able to stabilize the account in 1973." Also in 1972 additional news was about breaking ground for the town of Bethel waste disposal plant. The Farmers Home Administration participation in the project is a \$225,000 loan and a \$40,000 grant. Other Federal and Environmental Protection Agency and State of Maine participation amounted to \$530,000. The FHA loan was to be repaid in 30 years at an interest rate of 5 percent.

In May 1972 ground breaking for construction of the new waste water treatment plant took place. Bridge Construction Co. and the Edward C. Jordan Co. were the contractors. The system would serve 289 families and 61 commercial establishments. The town was to install pollution control facilities to meet State and Federal water quality standards.

About Mayville's new construction site

More details and corrections about my parents' sale of land to Paul Carter in 1959 and 1962: Gloria Wilson wrote to me with this information. Paul Carter purchased the sand pit land from my father in 1959 for \$850 mainly because the lot was directly across the road from his business - Carter Equipment Co.'s garage. The building after modifications is now called Mayville Junction. My mother sold the second lot of land to Mr. Carter in 1962. And as far as I know it included a lot of pasture land and wood lot. The amount

of sale was \$1,500. Before these transactions, my father had swapped a portion of the pasture land across the road with Liz Wight (where the Bethel Chamber has a large sign today) for the pasture lot behind the Wight's house. Mrs. Wight wanted to protect her view and my father wanted the pasture.

St. Patrick's Day.

The Wearing of the Green and Shamrocks

In the early days of Bethel and Newry settlement, the Williamson families came from Manor Hamilton in the 1820s; Luke Rely or Riley (for whom Riley Plantation was named) came from Newry, Ireland in 1789 and a Mr. Beatty who was also from Newry, Ireland made a convincing proposal that was if the organizational meeting for a new town, would name the new town Newry. Beatty would "contribute" a certain amount of his potato whiskey.

In the 1840s and 50s building the Grand Trunk railroad depended heavily on recently arrived Irish labor. This was during the period of Ireland's potato famines. Once the railroad was finished many of its Irish employees remained with the railroad in operational jobs and they also were plentifully employed in Portland harbor jobs.

In 1981 Margaret Tibbets wrote "The Irish Neighborhood" which was published by the Bethel Historical Society in its Bethel Courier. Although the Irish Neighborhood is in Greenwood, Bethel was the closest village. Ms. Tibbets wrote about finding more than 100 names in Bethel's 1850 census with a place of origin given as Ireland and occupations as laborer. The Tibbets' paper lists 15 family names that were prominent in the history of the Irish Neighborhood. The same paper includes a map showing the location of both the cemetery and school in the Neighborhood. Chris Dunham has photographed the gravesites in the Irish Neighborhood cemetery that are available to see online.

See: www.bethelhistorical.org/legacy-site/neighbors.htm and <http://network.maineancestry.com/photo/albums/irish-neighborhood-cemetery>.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



There are quite a few kids where I live and during the winter months it gets really quiet around here. It's been nice to hear the sounds of children playing in the street again. Heard

that robins, indeed, have been sighted.

Sunday, the 13th, Tonya (Hebert) and her husband John Lewis had a 2nd Birthday Party for their daughter Madeline at the Locke's Mills church. Officially her birthday isn't until March 21, but that day many friends and family were able to attend. It was a Sofia the 1st themed party with lots of balloons. Auntie Lacey had made the beautiful cake and she had also made a surprise Police Officer themed birthday cake for John. It was complete with matching lapel pins of his Norway PD uniform. John's birthday was on March 7 already. Heartfelt birthday wishes to both Madeline and John from the whole neighborhood.

There were two other birthdays on March 12 and one March 2 that I am aware of. Heartfelt birthday wishes from the neighborhood to Ruby Coolidge, Earl Coolidge and John Coolidge. Sorry that the greetings are late. Here is the new Trivia question: Who was one of the first farmers in the area to raise potatoes as a major crop? Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinerichcracker@gmail.com with your answers.

Have a great week and THINK SPRING!

Andover

By JANE RICH



Happy St. Patrick's Day from someone without a drop of Irish blood in their background, but who wishes there was.

The Bethel Recreation Committee has notified the Andover Rec. Committee that our children can participate in their Baseball and Softball programs. Divisions are T-Ball ages 5-6, players must be 5 prior to May 1; Rockies ages 7-8; Minors ages 9-12; Majors 11-12; Babe Ruth 13-15; Softball ages 7-18. You can register online with a credit card at <https://leagueathletics.com/Default.asp?org=ww-bethelmaineorg>. The fee is \$25. Deadline is April 1.

The Town Hall will have a good sized crowd, no doubt, on this coming Saturday, March 19 for the annual Town Meeting which begins at 9 a.m. The warrant has been posted in the usual places following the signing by the Selectman at their meeting last Tuesday. This year the warrant is as it appears in the Town Report you have already received. The Andover Service Circle will be providing attendees with an excellent lunch in the downstairs dining room, hopefully at a break around 11:30. Please support this fund raiser for the ASC which does great work in our community.

Elections for a Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and two School Board Directors will occur on Tuesday, March 22 at the Town Hall from 12



Rep. Fran Head welcomed Jane C. Rich to the Maine House of Representatives last week to deliver the morning prayer.

C. Reiner

noon until 8 p.m. Candidates for Selectboard are Leo Camire and Sharon Hutchins. Seeking re-election to the School Board is Lindsay Sharkey with a write-in possible for the second seat as no one took out papers. Today, at noon, is the last time to file an absentee ballot.

The Selectmen have received word from Town Manager Vern Maxfield that the grant for the revaluation of the Town did not come through due to a lack of funds in the program that would have funded this. It appears that it will be at least two more years before this important project can move forward.

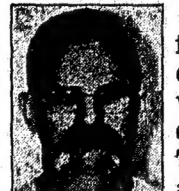
For those of you with children and grandchildren don't forget the traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26 at Mills Market. The hunt will start at 9 a.m. Let's hope for the same kind of weather we had this past weekend - sunny and warm.

You might want to mark your calendar for June 3rd when Pete Coolidge and friends will begin the summer series of concerts on the bandstand at the Town Common. This will be the third consecutive season for this continuing presentation of local talent.

Last Wednesday I had the privilege and honor of giving the Opening Prayer at the Maine State House of Representatives, thanks to the invitation of the House Clerk and our Representative, Fran Head. The Bucksport High School Band played the National Anthem from the balcony which filled the chamber with grand music.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The breakfast at Ladies Aid was well attended Sunday. The food is always good and the camaraderie is even better.

Mud season came in fast and hard last week. It seems like it arrived way too early. It looks like mud season will last longer and be tougher than winter was.

I did not check the ice on

Umbagog Lake this weekend.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, March 25 at the Town Office.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



When my kids were growing up, we used to listen to Rick Charette singing what was probably his most famous children's song - "Mud, mud, I love mud! I'm absolutely, positively wild about mud!"

Who loves mud? Not the residents of dirt roads in Maine in early spring, that's for sure. And not the town highway crews, who have been doing their level best to keep the roads passable and reopen those that degraded very quickly when the temperature shot up into the 60s last week.

Here in Greenwood, both the Bird Hill Road and Hobbs Road had to be officially closed temporarily, which means residents could still attempt them at their own risk, but it definitely required a 4WD with high clearance to get through.

When I lived on Bird Hill almost 35 years ago, there were very few houses there, and those of us who chose to live one to two miles up a dirt road on a hillside just accepted the fact that there were going to be times when we couldn't get up the road, whether it was due to snow, ice, or mud. I remember using skis or snowshoes to get to my job at Bob's Corner Store at least a few times, and walking more times than I can count.

But things are different now; there are a lot more people living on Bird Hill than there were in the early 1980s, and they have different expectations. The entire road is a boulevard compared to the narrow lane I used to slow down in my car on icy winter days.

Highway Foreman Alan Seames was out and about with the rock rake, going from one dirt road to another last Friday. With

the warm temperatures, there wasn't much else he could do, since using heavy trucks to haul gravel over roads that are already muddy just makes things worse.

Fortunately, in the midst of a long stretch of days when the temperature wasn't predicted to go below freezing, we had one morning in the 20s, Saturday, and our hardworking highway guys took advantage of it to haul enough crushed gravel to get the roads back open. Thanks, guys!

The Greenwood Bicentennial Committee would love to locate an heirloom fudge recipe that was a specialty of one of our town's old-time cooks, in the hope that it can be used (or modified) to allow Maine Line Products to produce a special fudge for our big celebration in August.

We know there have been cookbooks published by the church (and perhaps other local organizations) in the past...who can dig one up and see if it contains any kind of fudge recipe that can be attributed to one of our great Greenwood cooks? And if you happen to also be able to locate a photo of that cook, that would be even better!

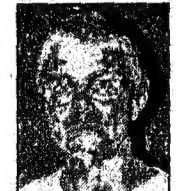
Next week marks a year since I took over this column. Looking back at my computer files, it appears that I've only missed one week in that time, when I was out of town (and away from Internet access), which I'd say isn't too bad.

I had been writing features and covering some meetings for the Citizen for almost a year and a half before I started writing the Locke's Mills column. People often comment to me about those stories when I'm out and about, but I've been surprised at how many more people have remarked about reading my column in the past year. I guess I shouldn't be surprised, though, since, as I wrote in my very first column last year, when I was growing up and we received the Citizen by mail each week, the local correspondents' columns were always my favorite part of the paper.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! E-mail your news (or old-time Greenwood fudge recipe) to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



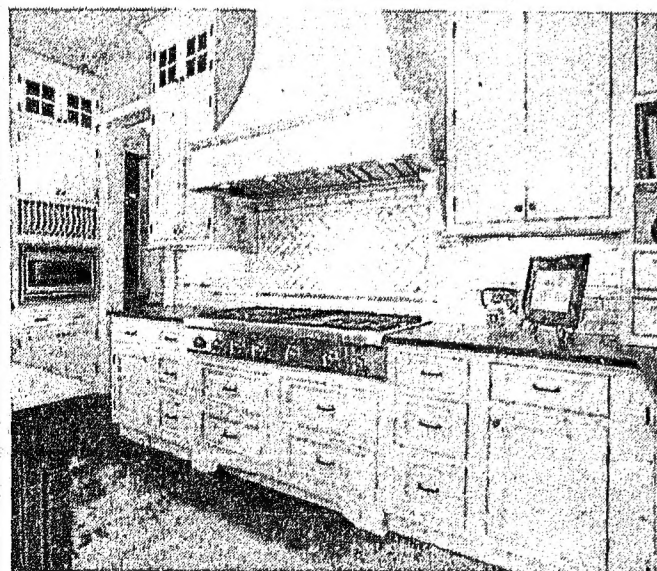
The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met on Thursday, March 3 for a meeting and potluck dinner. A game party was also held. Next meeting is at the Woodstock Fire Station. Dinner will be put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Remember that the Town Meeting is on Monday evening, March 28. Plan to attend.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service

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at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. There will be no midweek service here the week of the 23rd as the Pastor has services on Baptist History at the Norway Baptist Church from March 21 to 25 at 6:30 each night, so midweek service will be held there. Remember March 27 is Resurrection Sunday. There will be breakfast at 8:30 followed by Sunday School for the family at 9:30 and Morning Worship at 10:30. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Larry Billings has ordered some things that will eventually go to the Bethel Historical Society. Director Randy Bennett and Mrs. Nickerson have been great to him. Larry grew up in Bethel and will be buried in East Bethel Cemetery, but hopes to live at least 100 years. Larry orders his antiques from the catalog now as it is hard for him to get around.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



This is the strangest Maine winter that I can remember.

During the total 28 Maine winters that I have lived here (and all the ones in between when I visited), I have never seen a March so barren of snow. I dug up a few statistics about March weather in Bethel. Our average annual snowfall is 70.5 inches, just shy of Maine's average annual snowfall of 71.8 inches. The highest single-day snowfall in Bethel was 38 inches, which took place on March 13, 1939. Bethel's average March snowfall is 14.9 inches. However, in March 1887, we had 54.3 inches of snow. Two years ago this week in 2014, we had a two-day storm that left us 18 inches of snow. So, this is a very unusual March for Bethel.

Of course, during March Madness anything can happen, so we may be snowed out again before April 1. Today, March 13, the afternoon temperature in Bethel was 55 degrees F. The ice has left the Androscoggin River in Bethel, fields and meadows are almost bare, and in the woods brooks and streams are open and the snow patchy. I spent an hour looking for bluebirds in the pasture behind our house. These are among the hardest flowers and usually the first to bloom in western Maine. The earliest date I have found bluebirds is April 12. I'm hoping to beat that record this year.

I didn't find bluebirds, but I did find dozens of skunk cabbages in the nearby brook and bog. Although this is a flower, the skunk cabbage can bloom at very low temperatures. The eastern skunk cabbage is one of the few plants to exhibit thermogenesis, the

ability to generate temperatures 59-95 degrees Fahrenheit above the air temperature. Skunk cabbages literally melt their way through the frozen ground and blossom long before other spring plants. They grow in bogs and wetlands, often surrounded by patches of ice and snow. If you have never seen one, look around in boggy areas within the next few weeks. The blossom is about the size of an adult's fist and grows directly out of the ground. It looks like a giant upside-down tear-drop of mottled purple or green. The leaves don't appear until the blossom is dying. The flower gets its name from the smell it emits if it is torn. Although the plant smells badly, it is not poisonous. Some parts of it are edible.

We've seen bohemian waxwings at the Norway library this week. Like their cousins the cedar waxwings that we spotted last week the bohemians stopped to eat the fruit from the trees on the lawn. I also heard and saw a pair of Canada geese in Oxford. If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The look and sound of spring is everywhere. Nice warm weather and the singing

of various spring birds. Of course, we realize it is only half way through March, so there could be snow at any moment! My brother, Steve McLain, attended the Rotary Breakfast last weekend with Brad McLain, Ryan Seames and Ryan's daughter, Ollie Seames. Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Club luncheon at Northland Restaurant and Dairy Bar in Berlin, N.H. She also conducted the meeting for the group.

The spring birds have arrived in full force. There are Purple Grackles, Red-winged Blackbirds, Robins and various smaller birds. On Sunday, there was an Evening Grosbeak at the feeder. They show up in the winter months, but have not seen any this year. All the birds seem happy with the warmer weather and were singing all their songs and making quite a racket.

A few times, when the weather was good in January and February, we saw the little chipmunk that lives out at the end of the driveway in the mock orange bush. He/she has been out quite a bit lately. Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, headed for Auburn with the other members of the Pee-wee hockey team from Berlin, N.H. The weekend before, the team had placed high enough in the Granite State Youth Hockey League's Tier II

State Tournament to attend the Maine Amateur Hockey League Tournament regionals in Auburn this weekend. They played one game on Friday night and lost to the team from Connecticut. On Saturday, they played two games. They won the first game with a score of 2-1 against the other New Hampshire team that had beaten them the weekend before. They lost the second game to the Maine team. This eliminated them from the state championship games on Sunday. They played hard and represented the Berlin hockey league with pride. While Sidney and her mom, Michele, were at the tournament, Chloe, the granddog, stayed at our house. She is a great guest, but misses her family. Luella Cole called to inform me that Kelly Cole's birthday was on March 3. She wanted to say Happy Birthday. I can't keep track of everyone, but I will be glad to mention a birthday or anniversary if I am asked to put it in the column.

Town Office

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Please remember to arrive early enough to sign in with the Town Clerk and be checked off the voting list.

The Annual Town Report was mailed out to residents this past weekend. Usually, the selectmen have delivered the reports, but since the reports were done early this year, it was decided to mail them. For those who did not receive a town report in the mail, the reports will be available at the town office on Tuesdays and at the Annual Town Meeting. Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Pledge for Andy's Ski Team Maine Adaptive Sports' Annual Ski-a-Thon

Snowdeo fundraiser will take place this Saturday, March 19 at Sunday River Ski Resort. Andy Barlow is accepting your pledges in support of his ski team. Pledge forms are available at the library and pledges must be made by this Friday. For more information please visit www.maineadaptive.org/fundraisers/ski-a-thon/ or stop by the Library to make your pledge.

Hope Association at GRML

Clients of the Hope Association in Rumford visited the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library last Thursday. Their host, librarian Ms. Peggy Susbury, welcomed the four visitors who enjoyed themselves immensely.

Sugar House on Wheels Ben Byam is readying for the maple sugaring season with the recent construc-



Weathering Shame

by Kevin Mannix

MANNIX AT UNIVERSALIST CHURCH-Kevin Mannix will speak during the First Universalist Church of West Paris worship service on Sunday, April 3, 9 a.m. Based on his and his wife's recent book, "Weathering Shame," it describes a personal journey of shame and stigma, and is an autobiography penned by two well-respected professionals, weatherman Kevin Mannix and social worker wife Linda Rota, about their individual experiences with shame and stigma throughout their childhood and adult lives. Kevin will be available following the service to sell and sign books. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Marta Clements at 674-2143, mclements96894@roadrunner.com. Submitted

tion of a mobile maple sugar house at his Rumford Point home. Good luck, Ben in your new endeavor! Sweet!

Maine Maple Sunday

Don't miss the fun. On March 27, Maine Maple producers all over the state welcome you to their sugar houses to sample their products and see how maple syrup is made. Enjoy sugar house tours, fabulous pancake breakfasts and learn all about maple syrup production. For a list and map of sugar houses open to the public, please visit www.maine-mapleproducers.com/maine-maple-sunday-map.html. A Maine tradition!

Best wishes to Suzy Harrington as she recovers from shoulder surgery after a recent fall this icy winter. Get well soon, Suzy!

Condolences to Dan Force and Joan Ippolito on the passing of their mother, Irene Force. Irene summered in Maine and wintered in Dunedin, Fla. She was a regular visitor to the Gardner Roberts Memorial Library. Our thoughts and prayers are with her

family. Comments, news, questions? Please e-mail HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Here it is only March and the April showers have already begun. I suppose I should be glad it is rain and not snow, but I am not. I am also fairly grumpy today. I hate days that start like this. I want warm sun, not cold rain. It is cold in here and that means it is colder elsewhere in the house. BRR.

Went to the Rotary breakfast Sunday. It was great to get out and see people. We went with the Shimamura boys - Joe and Jodi, and Joe gave me a ride home. It was nice to get out. That was it for my day. All I usually do these days is go to PT and exercise classes. I should be in good shape, but I do not feel like it. Teachers say I am getting better, but I still hurt.

Maybe I am just becoming a grumpy old lady. I guess I want it all.

Thursday, the 17th is St. Patrick's Day. There is a community supper in Waterford at 6 p.m. at the Wilkins' House on Plummer Hill. Bring a main dish to share. Hosts are the Longs and Lois Grigg. SeniorsPlus will be in Norway on March 30. Call now to get an appointment: 1-800-427-1241.

Monday, March 21, Knit and Chat group will meet at the Waterford Library from 2 to 4. All are welcome. FMI: 583-2050.

Wednesday, March 23, is the Full Worm Moon. Enjoy the extra light.

Finally found someone who wants to buy our house, our grandson David III. He and his daughter want to come to the country. She is about 14 months and lives with her dad in an apartment in Auburn. He wants her to live in the country as he did. We shall see.

I am going to leave it at that today as it is too cold in here to stay longer. Must go light the stove in the cellar. Have a great week.

Bethel Senior Citizens news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met March 9 at Northland Dairy Bar in Berlin, N.H. for their meeting and dinner with 37 members present. Vice-president Lise McLain conducted the meeting. The pledge was said and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was sung by members. Caroline Gould said the blessing.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The next meeting will be April 13 at Roosters Roadhouse. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. Menu is Teriyaki Chicken and Baked Ham. Price of dinner is \$13. Reservations must be made before April 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Seating is limited.

March birthdays are: Eliza Barnes, Patricia Burnham, Ruby Coolidge, Elizabeth Gilbert, Lise McLain and Alta Smith.

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"Paper Tigers" at Gem Theater

The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative is hosting a screening of *Paper Tigers*, a film that captures the pain, danger, beauty and hopes of struggling teens—and the teachers armed with new science and fresh approaches that are changing lives for the better.

The documentary film will be shown at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 31 at The Gem Theater in Bethel and is free and open to the public. *Paper Tigers* follows a year in the life of an alternative high school in Walla Walla, Washington, that has radically changed its approach to disciplining its students, and in the process has become a promising model for how to break the cycles of poverty, violence and disease that affect families.

A short, facilitated discussion will take place after the movie to allow audience members the opportunity to reflect on the film and what it means for the community. Recent showings of the movie in Rumford and South Paris sparked moving and insightful comments and drew a combined 100 people.

The Wellness Collaborative's Community Safety Workgroup is working to hold showings of the film across the county in an effort to build awareness of some of the key ideas underlying the documentary, including Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), toxic stress, trauma-informed care, and non-punitive approaches to education. ACEs refers to traumatic experiences that can have long-lasting negative impacts on health and wellness. The screenings will be followed by an educational opportunity held in the spring to deepen the understanding around ACEs and resiliency—the idea that a safe environment with caring, healthy relationships can help us to heal from trauma. "We are very excited to be able to bring *Paper Tigers* to the Bethel area, and to be partnering with The Gem Theater to offer this important film for free," says Brendan Schaffner of the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative. "We know from our members that the topic of Adverse Childhood Experiences is very important, and deserves more attention so that we can create the sort of informed and resilient communities that will allow our kids to become successful adults."

Paper Tigers is an inti-

mate look into the lives of selected students at Lincoln High School, an alternative school that specializes in educating traumatized youth. Set amidst the struggling rural community of Walla Walla, the film intimately examines the inspiring promise of Trauma-Informed Communities—a movement that is showing great promise in healing youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences. Following six students over the course of a school year, we see Lincoln's staff try a new approach to discipline: one based on understanding and treatment rather than judgment and suspension. Using a combination of documentary and revealing diary cam footage, *Paper Tigers* is a testament to what the latest developmental science is showing: that just one caring adult can help break the cycle of adversity in a young person's life. Although the movie takes place in a school setting, it holds relevance for every community member. The film contains harsh language and some graphic footage and may not be suitable for young children.

The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative is a network of individuals and organizations who are committed to making Oxford County a healthier place to live, work, play and raise a family. The Collaborative formed in 2011 as a result of the county-wide community reflecting on Community Health Needs Assessment data. This data, combined with troubling results from the annual County Health Rankings, prompted many to respond by forming the Collaborative to address priority health areas in a more coordinated, cohesive manner. The network is arranged around several workgroups: Healthy Food, Active Living, Community Safety (focused on interpersonal violence and abuse, such as child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, etc) Behavioral Health (substance abuse and mental health) and Community Engagement.

The Oxford County Wellness Collaborative is currently administered by Healthy Oxford Hills, a Healthy Maine Partnership and a project of Stephens Memorial Hospital. Complimentary childcare will be provided.

For more information on *Paper Tigers* and to view the trailer, visit www.PaperTigersMovie.com.

Relay for Life team seeks donations



The following people are members of team Flying Monkeys, participating in Oxford Hills Relay for Life on June 18. Front, from left are Ronnie Yourell and Lorraine Bell. On the steps from bottom to top are Barbara Brooks, Linda Michaels, Eileen Broderick, Lorraine Duclos and Jeannie Rahilly. In the rear, bottom to top are Celeste Keith and Diane Paaso. Absent is Ross Michaels and Kathi Burke.

Several Bethel area people will be participating in the Oxford Hill Relay for Life on June 18, 2016 at the Oxford Fairgrounds in Oxford.

This event raises money to fight cancer while raising awareness in our community. It is developed and run in our area by volunteers and coached by American Cancer Society staff. It honors ALL cancer survivors, their care givers and takes time to remember the many who have lost their lives to cancer. Our team includes some survivors, some whom are actively undergoing treatments at this time and the loving support of their care givers and friends. We have all been personally impacted by cancer in some way or another and have chosen to fight back! We encourage the Bethel Community to

help us. Donations can be made online at www.relayforlife.org/oxfordhillsme and search for our team, "Flying Monkeys."

We will be hosting a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 21, 2016. A collection box will be at Bethel Kitchen Designs at 161 Main Street in Bethel starting April 8 for donations of saleable items. If you are able to donate please drop your items off prior to April 30. We will also be pre-selling raffle tickets for first prize of a whitewater rafting trip for this summer, donated by Dead River Expeditions in The Forks, Maine, and many other prizes to be awarded also. The winner will be picked on May 21 after the yard sale. The winner will be notified by phone. For more information on tickets please e-mail Flyingmonkey-srelay1@gmail.com

Adult Ed classes; success story

The recent warm weather has us thinking about spring and our spring courses. Our new spring course flyer will be in the mail this week. We have many new classes starting in March, April and May. New classes for March are: Ballroom Dancing: Starting Thursday, March 17th; Hypnosis for Weight Loss: Starting Tuesday, March 22; and Intro to Careers in the Health Field: Starting Tuesday, March 29.

We see many success stories in Adult Education, and thought it might be nice to share this one with you:

Although she believed firmly in the value of a good education and always planned to finish high school and attend college, Michelle DeJulio says she discovered at an early age that traditional school just didn't work for her.

For a time she attended a small alternative school in her community. After it closed, rather than return to public school, she completed her GED through the Adult Education program.

As a teenager, she was already living on her own and supporting herself by working in various local restaurants. She enjoyed the work and began to dream of one day owning her own café, but also wanted to explore other career options.

The first time she attempted college, she found she wasn't quite ready, so she returned to Adult Ed to brush up on her skills and get help with coursework. After considering majors in the mental health and nursing fields, she graduated in 2012 with an associate degree in liberal studies.

In 2014, she and business partner Dara Turgeon joined forces to buy The Local Hub, a one-year-old market offering local and natural foods. They have since expanded the market and added a bakery and a popular café with both eat-in and take-out service. With a continued focus on locally-produced goods, they work with 40 different vendors to offer products ranging from farm-fresh vegetables and eggs to artwork and crafts. "Even our cleaning products are made by a Maine company," Michelle says.

Running the business is hard work, but she is proud of its place in the local economy, filling the demand for local products and providing six to seven full- and part-time jobs.

"It's better than what we could have imagined it to be," she says.

Now that she is running her own business, she appreciates the math courses she had to take to get her degree, and says she wishes she had taken some accounting courses, too. But, she adds, "I still haven't used imaginary numbers yet!"

(Bethel Success Story by Amy W. Chapman)

Telstar Middle School news

Katherine Haley from the 8th grade Peer Ambassadors reports on the 6th grade this week:

TMS 6th grade:

Science: 6th graders are very busy with Science Fair!! Students have presented their science fair experiments and boards to their classmates, and are ready to show in our upcoming Science Fair!

Math: In math students have just finished a unit rate, and are now studying ratio and solving equivalent ratio problems.

ELA: Students are getting ready to present their figurative language slide-shows to the class to teach a specific term, such as hyperbole or personification. They are also working on reading and using post it notes to capture their thinking while they read.

Social Studies: Students are just beginning their study of ancient Rome. As part of the unit, they are constructing time lines of the major events that occurred during this time period.

Important Announcements:

Thank you parents! For those of you who completed the survey for the GEAR UP grant!

Congratulations to our February Superstars! 8th grade: Isaac Voisine, 7th grade: Ava Mastrolanni and 6th grade: Hannah Piercel

Important dates to remember:

Friday, March 18th: Teacher workshop day. There will be no school for students on that day.

Friday, March 25: Last day of the second trimester

Monday, March 28th: MEA testing will begin on Monday, March 28th. Students should come to school rested, on-time and ready for testing in the morning!

Monday, April 4: Ma-hoosuc Arts will be coming to TMS to conduct mini drumming and percussion workshops during the morning followed by an afternoon assembly for the whole school.

Thursday, April 7: will

be our March Stars Assembly which has been moved due to MEA testing.

Friday, April 15: The last day of school before the April vacation.

TMS general:

Please remember that the Middle School is always looking for ways to raise money for the student activity account, and Box Tops for Education is a great way that families can contribute. Just cut them out and send them in with your student(s) to the Middle School office!

After school organizations continue to be very productive and are always open to new members! Below is a list of the organizations and meeting times that we have at TMS for students to join:

Yearbook: Every other Wednesday 2:20-5:00.
Peer Ambassadors: Every other Monday 2:20-4:00.

Wacky Weird Science: Wednesdays 2:20-5.

Minecraft Club: Mondays 2:20-5

Spring sports: Girls softball, boys baseball, boys/girls track and field will begin are set to begin in late March/early April. Stay tuned for exact dates and more information.

Bussing information: Late busses continue to leave at 4:15, Monday through Thursday. Once spring sports start up, the late bus will resume its 5:15 departure. Stay tuned for specific dates.

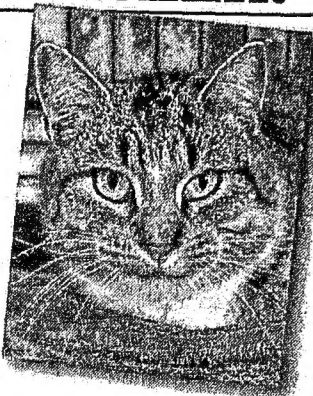
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Third Thursday: Plate Tectonics

Maine Mineral & Gem Museum (MMGM) is delighted to announce Karen L. Webber, PhD as its Third Thursday Tours & Talks speaker for March 17 from 3-4:30 in MMGM's Oddfellows Hall, located at 99 Main Street, Bethel. Her talk, An Introduction to Plate Tectonics, is an introduction to this important geological concept.

Of particular local interest, she will conclude her comments with a general discussion of the northern Appalachian Mountains to illustrate magma genesis, plutonism and crustal melting (anataxis) associated with a continent-continent collision mountain-building event, which was

followed by a major rifting event to form the present day Atlantic Ocean.

The broader presentation outlines how the Earth's outer layer, the lithosphere, is divided into a number of plates which move slowly over the Earth's surface relative to one another. Over geologic time the plates change in size and number. Earthquakes, volcanic activity, plutonism and mountain-building occur where the plates interact at plate boundaries. Dr. Webber's presentation will describe the Earth's overall structure and characterize different types of plate boundaries, identifying the large-scale

geological processes associated with each.

The depth of Dr. Webber's geological expertise is evidenced by her successes in the field. She is the author of countless articles and four books including Pegmatology and Frank C. Perham: Adventures in Maine Pegmatite Mining (published by Rubellite Press); she taught at UNO for 25 years and is now a research associate at MMGM and a member for the MP2 Research Group; she earned her PhD in Geology at Rice University, MS in Earth Sciences at the University of New Orleans and a BS in Geology from the University of Texas. More,

she discovered what is now called "Karenwebberite," a phosphate mineral from the Malensata Dike in Italy and approved by the IMA in 2011.

Each month, Maine Mineral & Gem Museum holds Third Thursdays Tours & Talks. Winter months' feature presentations are held in Oddfellows Hall in the Preview Gallery from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm. Summer months' feature tours are held at renowned regional geological sites. Summer times vary depending on tour location.

MMGM Museum Store & Preview Gallery hours: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.mainemineralgemmuseum.org

Sports

Mt. Valley Recreation Basketball

Favorites Reach MVRBL Finals

There were two closer scoring semi-final games played this past Sunday, ending in victories for the top seeds, as #2 Archies outlasted #3 Tommy Guns, 88-83 and Laid Back Installers outpaced The Crew, 92-84. Both games, although close in score, and at times competitive, never really seemed to be in question. Each victor started out the aggressor, developed an early lead, didn't relinquish it and finished in a matter-of-fact way. These teams will match up in the Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League Championship, Sunday March 20, 11:30 a.m. at Mountain Valley High School.

With Tommy Guns (8-6) being handicapped with a couple of injuries, Archies (9-5) appeared to be a lock to make the finals. However, Tommy Guns hung with them the whole game, but almost as if Archies played just well enough to stay comfortably ahead without exertion. Tommy Guns showed moments of good perimeter shooting, but lacked an inside game and defensive intensity. Archies' Cody St Germain had 29 points and at times appeared to score at will. Craig Derouche was also very elusive at point guard and finished with 21 points. Colby Knapp added 14 strong points and Ben Ryerson had 13. Tommy Guns' Josh Thomas led his team with 23 points, 3 threes and was their main cog and pacesetter. Juwan Daniels and Jordan Greenleaf had 17 and Jordan Carson 14 points.

LBI (12-1) looked to be back in the finals after being the regular season leaders each of the last two years, although not finishing the job last year. The Crew (8-6), a first year team who have been up and down, depending on participation, were a potential upset team. LBI's basketball speed and length were too much for The Crew to deal with, however. An injury to The Crew's big man Ricky White part way through the second half spelled despair for the upstarts. LBI did just what they needed to to keep a comfortable distance throughout. They were led by Eric Canwell with 26 points (3 threes) and Craig Milledge had a strong all around game with another 20. Owen Jones and Jon Benjamin added 15 and Chris Baxter finished with 12 points. The Crew got 16 from Justin Cocroft, Deion Cheers had 15, Rickey White 14, Jade Dutil 13 and Cliff Turner 12 (4 threes).

Host a student from France this summer

Families in Maine have the opportunity to host a student from France for a Vistas in Education three week exchange this summer. The students, ages 12-18, will arrive June 30 in Portland and return home July 21. They have all studied English, though their skills will vary. For many, this will be their first trip to the USA. Students are selected to come to the USA on the basis of maturity, adaptability and sensitivity to other cultures. They must be in good health and are fully covered by VIE's comprehensive insurance plan.

Host families provide room and board and transportation to/from the airport. Families are asked to include the French student in everyday family life, like routine outings—shopping, visiting relatives and local sightseeing—as well as any special activities the family might plan, and introduce them to friends and community.

Many families have a desire to learn more about French culture. Some wish to give a young person the opportunity to experience life in the United States.

Opening your home for two or three weeks can be just the beginning of a friendship that will last a lifetime! Students and families will be matched by May 1, allowing you to get to know each other before June 30.

FMI and/or a hosting application, contact Maine hosting coordinator, Anne Smith at 207-462-8757 or a.smith@msad17.org. Visit www.vistasineducation.com to learn more about VIE programs.

Local cyclists to discuss endurance ride

Last summer, Bethel endurance bicyclists Jim Reuter and Christine Trefethen flew to Paris, France, then set out to ride more than 768 miles in less than four days as participants in the quadrennial Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur.

On Wednesday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m., they will share their adventure with a slide show and talk at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium.

The event is sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College.

Among Reuter and Trefethen's revelations is the fact that there is no upper age limit for success in the demanding sport of long-distance cycling.

Trefethen, who began cycling after giving up running to save her knees, took part in the BBP as a way to celebrate turning 50 in 2015.

"I think, especially for

endurance events, being older is only an asset," she said. "You gain so much wisdom as you age, and you come to know your own body better, and what it can do."

Reuter, who is 63, said some of the strongest participants in the PCP were French and Italian riders in their sixties and seventies.

"The oldest finisher was an 80-year-old Frenchman," he said.

Come and hear about the ride Trefethen describes as "a pivotal life experience that was shared with people from all over the world."

The event is part of the WMSC "Down Home Maine" series and is free and open to the public. FMI: e-mail amy.w.chapman@gmail.com or ellenmarshall@gmail.com, call 890-4812 or 730-0442, or visit wmcollege.blogspot.com.

MASR Ski-a-Thon this weekend

On March 19, over 400 Maine Adaptive students, volunteers, and community members will gather on the slopes of Sunday River to celebrate the accomplishments of disabled athletes who participate year-round in adaptive sports.

Maine Adaptive provides free adaptive lessons in alpine and Nordic skiing; snowboarding; snowshoeing; paddling; cycling; tennis; golf; rock climbing; hiking; and fishing. The Ski-A-Thon, in its 31st year, raises over half of Maine Adaptive's annual operating funds, which provide equipment and programming to over 400 adults and children annually.

Throughout the winter,

groups of five commit to supporting Maine Adaptive by securing donations and pledges as a Ski-A-Thon team. Bob Sargent, a 79 year-old from Sargentville, a member of the Dream Makers, has skied with Maine Adaptive since 2005 and cycles during the summer. He raises money so that Maine Adaptive's programs remain free; "In the face of the 'insult' rendered by a stroke, Maine Adaptive has been a God-send and undeniably an essential factor in my ongoing recovery. Surely it is no wonder that fortunate participants such as I will do anything we can to help Maine Adaptive sustain that remarkable tradition."

Jackie Brackett, a volun-

teer, is the Team Captain of Group 2 Clubhouse.

"Our team consists of four volunteers and one participant. None of us is afraid to ask anyone for financial support. We bring treats to Maine Adaptive during the seasons, and when the Ski-A-Thon approaches, we ask everyone who has enjoyed our snacks to show us how much they've appreciated them with pledges to the Ski-A-Thon. For the past two years, our team has collectively raised more than \$20,000 annually and has earned the Participants Cup, awarded to the most successful fundraising team that includes a participant."

This year's Ski-A-Thon is a Snowdeo. Sunday River's Grand Summit ballroom will be transformed into a ranch, with meals and live music. Entertainment will be provided during the afternoon by Maine native Anni Clark and during the après-ski celebration by Blue Willow. The Ski-A-Thon's closing celebration, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., will honor the volunteer and participant of the year, and the individuals and businesses whose support allows everyone to experience the thrill of sport and outdoor activity.

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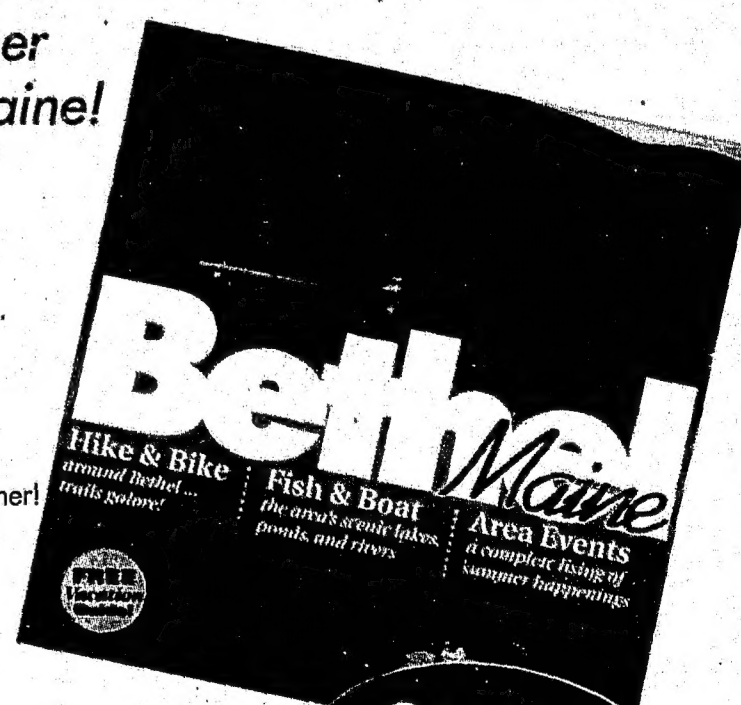
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with questions.

March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14 and 21

Ballroom Dancing; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Crescent Park School. Have you always wanted to take a ballroom class or just want to refresh your memory? This class is perfect for you. This is a 6 week adult class. You will learn the basics of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing with instructor Bridget Whitman. Come with a partner and dance the night away and have a great time. Tuition: Singles \$60, Couples \$75. FMI/Registration: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/>.

Thursday, March 17

Website Visibility Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street, Bethel. Topics covered include: What Search Engine Optimization (SEO) used to be and what it is now, factors that affect how well your site is ranked, basics of SEO, and more. Instructor: Alisa Meggison, Digital Marketing Manager for Nancy Marshall Communications, \$25 for Oxford County Chamber Of Commerce members, \$30 for businesses and nonprofits that are not chamber members. FMI/Registration: www.WMEDC.org or 739-6543.

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street (across from the Common). Read a story, sing, and play at the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2520.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

OCSWCD Invasive Insects Presentation; 7 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, Room 118E. This interactive presentation by Jean Federico will detail the threat to our area forests from several invasive insects that are on our doorstep already in Maine. FMI: Merle Ring (743-5976 or mrings4@gmail.com).

Friday, March 18

"Paper Tigers" Free Screening; 6 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Paper Tigers is a compelling new documentary that explores the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and captures the transformation of struggling teens as teachers use the latest developmental science and trauma-informed approaches to break the cycle of adversity in their lives. The film covers sensitive subject matter and may not be suitable for young children. Open to the public. Refreshments and childcare provided. Discussion to follow.

Saturday, March 19

MASR Ski-A-Thon Snowdeo; Sunday River Ski Resort. Team registration: Grand Summit Hotel ballroom, 7 to 10 a.m. Skiing and snowboarding 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Costume Contest 9 to 10 a.m. in the Grand Summit Ballroom lobby. Live music and various other events throughout the day. FMI/Full event schedule: www.maineadaptive.org.

Annual Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bethel Inn Conference Center. Presented by the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited - over 35 exhibitors, raffles, a silent auction, kids' fly tying table and presentations by four well-known guest speakers. Admission: \$5 per person.

Annual Andover Town Meeting; 9 a.m. at Town Hall.

Baked Bean Dinner; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Masonic Lodge, 6 Chapman Street, Bethel. Adults/\$8, kids/\$4, under 5 free. Serving: Beans, rolls, ham, hot dogs, coleslaw and homemade pies.

Turkey Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by AMVETS Post 777. \$8/adults, \$4/kids 12 and under.

Waterford World's Fair Italian Night; 5 to 6:30 p.m., North Waterford Congregational Church, Green Road, Waterford. Menu: Lasagna, chicken alfredo, baked ziti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, meatballs, sweet sausage and homemade pies. \$10 per person. FMI: Lisa Scribner (890-7669).

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Playing old-fashioned dance music. Adults/\$5.

"Bustin' Out the Blues" Dance; 8 p.m. to midnight, Locke's Mills Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road. Bands: Way Back Machine and Ball Brothers. 50/50 and raffles. Proceeds to benefit Telstar Football Programs (youth through high school), equipment repair and upgrade.

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday Service; 10 a.m., North Waterford Congregational Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's Eatery. All are welcome.

Basket Bingo; 1 to 4 p.m. (doors open at noon), Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Featuring Longaberger and Peterborough baskets. Presale tickets are available for \$10 at the Telstar High School office or at We've Got the Look in Locke's Mills. Tickets will be \$15 at the door, \$3 for additional cards. Proceeds benefit the Telstar High School softball team.

Monday, March 21

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

March 22, 29 and April 5

Hypnosis for Weight Loss; 6 to 8 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 133. Tuition: \$60. Learn the newest, most up to date nutrition information, combined with cutting edge information on exercise to assist in releasing those unwanted pounds gently and easily, without restrictive diets. You must ask yourself, "Am I willing to make changes to achieve my goals?" If yes, this is your next step, regardless of how much weight you want to lose. Your instructor will work with you using hypnotic and meditation techniques to enable your continued success after class. Please bring a beach chair or blanket and pillow to class. This is a three week series. FMI/Registration: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Wednesday, March 23

Endurance Cycling: The Paris-Brest-Paris Randonneur; 4:30 to 6 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Last summer, nearly 6,000 bicyclists set out to ride more than 1,230 kilometers (768 miles) in less than four days, from Paris, France to Brest and back again. Jim Reuter and Christine Trefethen of Bethel will recount their adventures as part of "a stream of energy, all flowing in one direction."

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Pizza Night Buffet; 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday River Brew Pub. \$13 per person (\$5 from each meal purchased will support the Telstar softball team).

Thursday, March 24

Basic Medicare Information; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. A long-distance learning program presented by SeniorsPlus. Free with preregistration - call 1-800-427-1241.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Fourth Thursday Poetry; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Library Public Room. Opening with light refreshments and moving on to share favorite poems. Come! Bring a friend and a poem. FMI: 364-3661.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Friday, March 25

Hope Association Fundraiser Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Rumford Eagles Club Function Hall. Music by Noel and Fawn. \$5 cover charge. Proceeds benefit the Hope Association.

Saturday, March 26

Texas Hold'em Tournament; 12 p.m. (doors open at 11 a.m.), Jackson-Silver Post 68 American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$50 buy-in, \$5 license, high hand option, 50/50, meals and beverages available. BYOB. New, large flat-screen display for timer and blinds. FMI: Ray, Post Commander (890-3737).

Annual Easter Egg Hunt; 3 p.m., Waterford Library, Routes 35 and 37, Waterford. Bring your basket and get on the hunt for more than 500 eggs the Easter bunny had delivered to the library! The hunt is for area children elementary age and under accompanied by an adult.

Corned Beef Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by AMVETS Post 777. \$8/adults, \$4/kids 12 and under.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Playing old-fashioned dance music. Adults/\$5.

Annual Gilead Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunrise Service; 6 a.m., Waterford Town Beach, Waterford. Breakfast to follow at the North Waterford Church. All are welcome.

Easter Service; 10 a.m., North Waterford Congregational Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's Eatery. All are welcome.

Monday, March 28

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Annual Woodstock Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at Woodstock Elementary School.

Wednesday, March 30

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Thursday, March 31

"Paper Tigers" Free Screening; 6 to 8:30 p.m., The Gem Theater, 23 Cross Street, Bethel. Paper Tigers is a compelling new documentary that explores the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and captures the transformation of struggling teens as teachers use the latest developmental science and trauma-informed approaches to break the cycle of adversity in their lives. The film covers sensitive subject matter and may not be suitable for young children. Open to the public. Childcare provided. Discussion to follow. FMI: www.PaperTigersMovie.com.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

April 2, 9, 30 and May 7

Finnish Language Classes; Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Marja-Leena Bailey will conduct the classes. \$75 per person (\$40 for additional family members). Please make out your checks to Finnish American Heritage Society and send them to the FinnAm at PO Box 294, West Paris, Maine 04289. Please include your email address and/or phone number. Refer any questions to Dale Piirainen at 461-3795.

Saturday, April 2

Defensive Driving Class; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 133. This five-hour course will include discussion of collision avoidance techniques, safety issues, driver habits and attitudes and the basic elements that constantly challenge drivers on Maine's highways. The course format engages students with lectures, videos, and class discussion/participation. Those completing the course will receive a three-point credit on their driving record. This 5 hour class will help you develop better driving habits and insurance discounts are a possibility. \$40 per person. Instructor: Ed Naples. FMI: 824-2136.

Bottle Drive and Car Wash; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., SAD 44 Bus Garage. Bottles can be dropped off at the bus garage, or the softball team will come pick them up. Proceeds benefit the Telstar softball team. FMI: Jim Lunney (316-7960), Jen Merrill (357-7124), Fred Johnson (357-2892) or Donna Howard (357-5555).

Benefit Supper for THS Student Alexis Sing; 5 to 6:30 p.m., Jackson-Silver Post 68, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. This supper is to raise funds to help with medical bills for Alexis Sing, who is currently in the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston. Alexis is a 15 year old freshman at Telstar, and was found in a diabetic coma on Jan. 16, 2016. Swelling around her brain has caused loss of functional use of her right side. She is undergoing rehabilitation at the Boston facility, with her family traveling back and forth to aid in her recovery. The benefit will be a spaghetti feed. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a Chinese ticket auction. Tickets will be available at the door, and the drawing for items for the auction will be held at 6:30. FMI: Sheryl Morgan (890-5903) or Ellie Newell (890-7846).

April 4, 11, May 2 and 9

BANC Community Leadership Program; 4 to 7 p.m. Each of the four sessions will provide high-quality training from experts in the field and equip participants with important skills for serving on nonprofit boards, committees and other volunteer positions. Program fee: \$100 (scholarships are available). Registration deadline: March 28. FMI: Amy Scott (357-3189 or amyscott@bethelmainenonprofits.org).

Monday, April 4

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Discussion topic: What Makes Ideologies Dangerous? Moderator: Thomas Phillips. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Thursday, April 7

NAMI Maine Family to Family Course; This is the first in a course series that will run each Thursday through June 23. It is FREE and is an educational program for families, friends and caregivers of persons living with mental illness. It is taught by NAMI trained teachers who also have lived experience with these mental diseases. FMI/Registration: namimaine.org or 1-800-464-5767.

Saturday, April 9

Smile Fund Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Proceeds benefit adults who need dentures and are seeking work. Items may be dropped off at the church any time after Easter (March 27). Contact Jane Chandler (357-3524) for more information.

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girls' State.

Wednesday, April 13

Bethel Senior Citizens Luncheon/Meeting; 11 a.m., Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel. Menu: Teriyaki chicken or baked ham (\$13 per person). Reservations must be made before April 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Seating is limited.

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MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Wow, we have spring fever here at MKA. We are all so excited for the production of "Alice in Wonderland" by the CPS drama club on April 8th. They have been working really hard on their lines, sets, props, costumes and makeup!

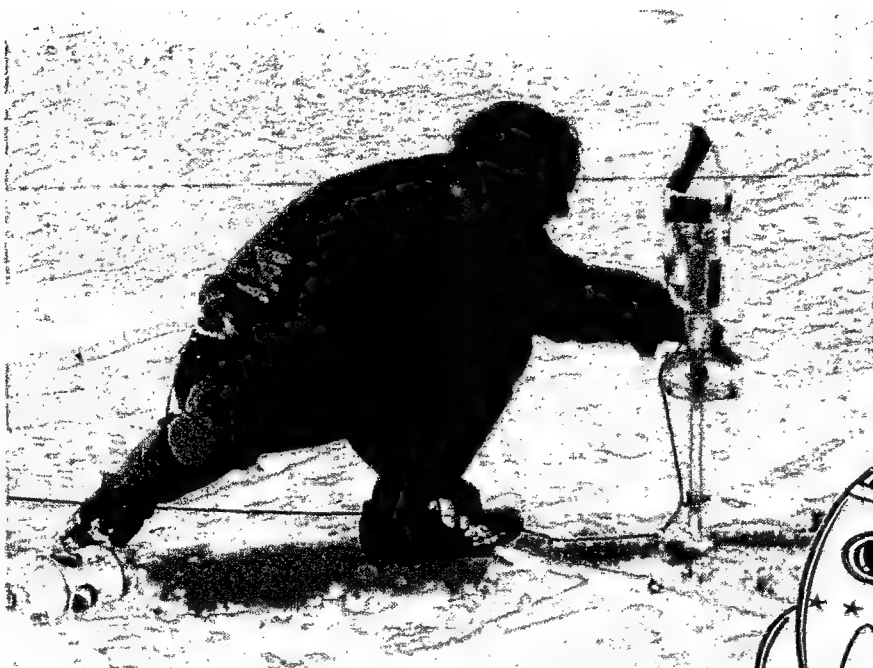
We have also been busy with our Weird Science program through the Bryant Pond 4H camp. They have been doing programs at CPS, WES, and TMS.

Mrs. Keene and Mrs. Slattery brought together the LEGO team from the fall and are introducing new students to LEGO programming with our Spring LEGO program. They are getting a head start on the new fall LEGO challenge.

Mrs. Raymond's sewing classes have been full with the new class making a Star Wars "Washcloth Wampa" pillow! Since sewing is so popular at CPS, we are looking for an instructor for our WES program.

Summer Adventure Programming is well underway and we will have the new brochure ready to publish by April vacation. The dates are June 27th - August 19th. Enjoy Spring!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Jewel's rocket blasting off



Jewel and Sophie making plastic using potatoes.



Gigi, Charlotte and Odessa hard at work on their animal creations.



Theo Belskis thinks Gooley Gunk feels weird.



Spring LEGO Program: Tess Fultz and Chelsea Duclos (left) and Dylan Greenberg and Eli Shifrin (right) work on their projects.



Weird Science: MKAers made some bubble soap and then tested it out to see how well it would work!



Megan Millett with the lava lamp she made in Weird Science.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - "HI" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

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4 Letters

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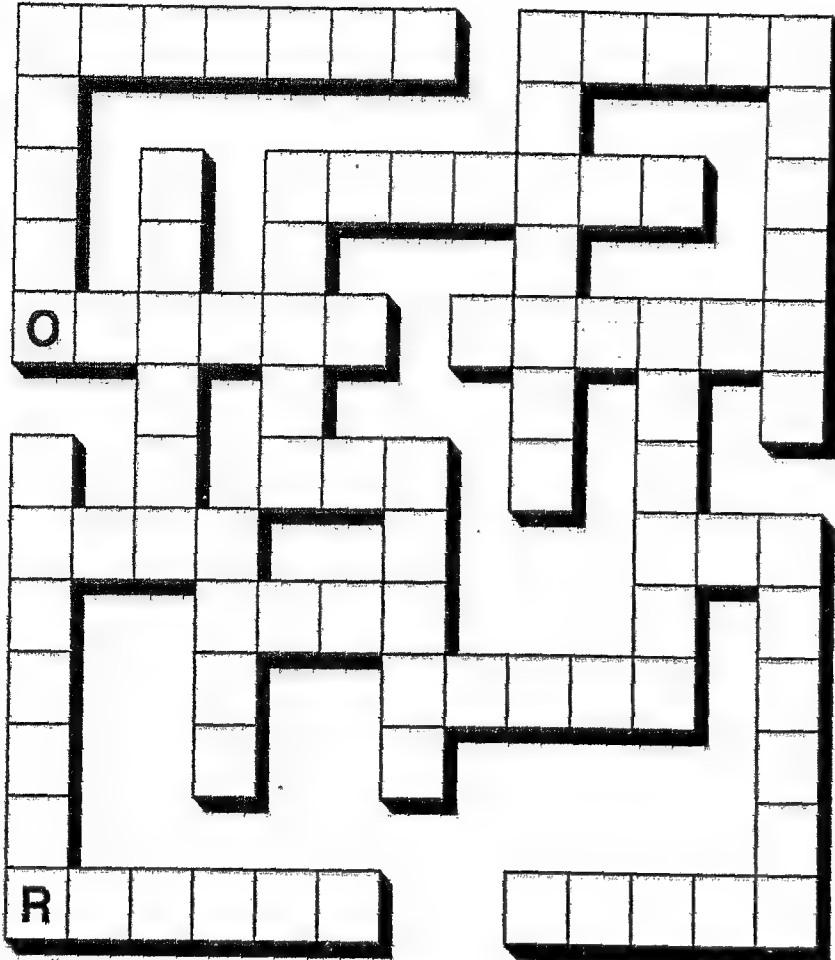
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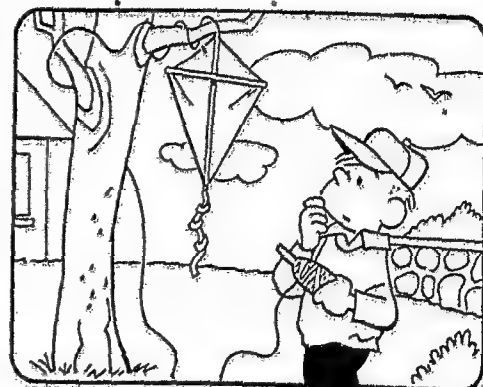
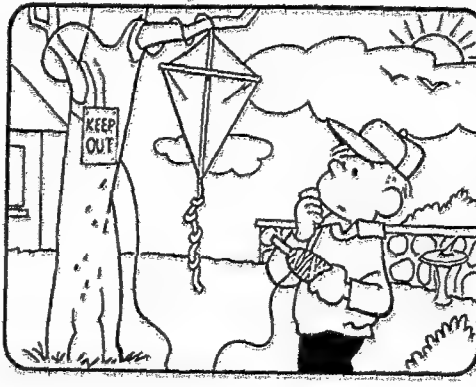
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WHISPER
WHISTLE



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Sign is missing. 2. Tree trunk is smaller. 3. Kite is shorter. 4. Wall is shorter. 5. Sun is missing. 6. Sundial is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals I

XNVLBWN K FMT'H ELUN NTMBYE

RMTNS HM XBS RS OLUMJKHN

TBHW, K YBNWW K'R

WHJLCCNF OMJ VLWENIW.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"That is not a space helmet! And where are the _____?"

Brief
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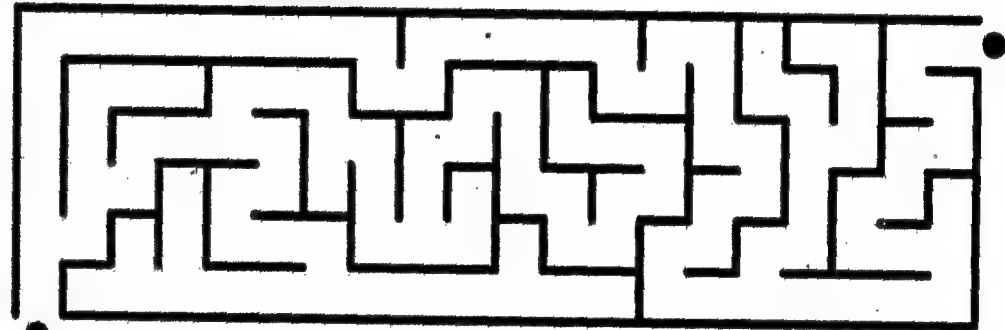
TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

MIXED VEGETABLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Reinforcing shoe tip
 - 7 Brand of prescription painkiller
 - 13 Toss out
 - 20 Southern African land
 - 21 Give In
 - 22 Big markets
 - 23 Many an earthen plant holder
 - 25 Vegetable mixed inside
 - 110-Across
 - 26 Dog biscuit, to a dog
 - 27 Bit in a stew
 - 28 Canon
 - 29 Bakery item
 - 30 - Paese (cheese)
 - 31 Mail with wholesale goods
 - 34 Speakers of Celtic
 - 36 Put - (ruses)
 - 37 "a woman?"
 - 38 Knife cut
 - 39 Writer Oz
 - 43 Diplomacy
 - 45 Food store worker
 - 49 Vegetable mixed inside
 - 52 Ranks
 - 54 Gorbachev's wife
 - 55 Not sleeping
 - 56 Fills untidily
 - 57 Vegetable mixed inside
 - 23-Across
 - 84-Across
 - 58 Vegetable mixed inside
 - 97-Across
 - 60 It's charged
 - 61 Like slightly spoiled meat
 - 62 "Ta-ta"
 - 63 Pack-aging beast
 - 64 Dell products
 - 65 Vast span
 - 66 DOJ arm
 - 69 Swinging ditty
 - 71 Toby brew
 - 72 Rapid weight-loss option
 - 75 Vegetable mixed inside
 - 23-Across
 - 78 University in Silicon Valley
 - 80 Moray lurer
 - 81 Eye-tricking paintings
 - 82 Lobbies for
 - 83 Vegetable mixed inside
 - 45-Across
 - 84 Impact depression near
 - 87 Begged
 - 88 Jedi sage
 - 89 1950s Ford
 - 92 Vacation site
 - 95 In a strange way
 - 97 Affect one's emotions
 - 101 Spinks (og)
 - 104 Djon "yes"
 - 105 Sauna sound
 - 106 Part of GPS: Abbr.
 - 107 Made known
 - 108 Vegetable mixed inside
 - 31-Across
 - 110 Surfs while watching TV
 - 113 Intertangles
 - 114 Langston Hughes memoir, with "Tie"
 - 115 Probes into
 - 116 TV satirist Stephen
 - 117 Party split
 - 118 Double boxing punch
 - 43 "Kon-"
 - 44 "Just -"
 - 46 Tendency to keep silent
 - 47 Nondairy spreads
 - 48 Overpack
 - 49 Broccoli
 - 50 Cockeyed
 - 51 Calendar
 - 52 Lodge group
 - 53 Feed lines
 - 56 Amount paid
 - 57 See 67-
 - 59 Ring of virtue
 - 61 Urge on
 - 64 Braid
 - 65 Isn't right
 - 66 Folder filler
 - 67 With 57-
 - 68 Dupe
 - 69 Tavern trash
 - 68 Response to "Nice job!"
 - 69 Texas city
 - 70 "I gotta hard - ya ..."
 - 71 Chart book
 - 72 Bivouac bed
 - 73 Take note of TV
 - 74 Oscar
 - 75 - Renta
 - 75 Pageantry
 - 76 German car
 - 77 British art gallery
 - 78 Apology word
 - 79 One axing
 - 82 Most flaky
 - 83 RC, say
 - 85 One losing weight
 - 86 "You've gotta be kidding!"
 - 90 Puts down, to a rapper
 - 91 Overhead stadium recorder
 - 92 Most irritated
 - 93 Future D.A.'s major
 - 94 Builds on
 - 96 "Irma la -"
 - 97 - law (old Germanic legal code)
 - 98 Femur locale
 - 99 "Emperor of the Air" author
 - 100 Doorway joint
 - 101 British actor
 - 102 Guinness
 - 102 Jay of TV
 - 103 "never fly!"
 - 105 Fliers' mil. posts
 - 109 Key near Q
 - 111 23rd Greek letter
 - 112 Bustle

Kids' Maze

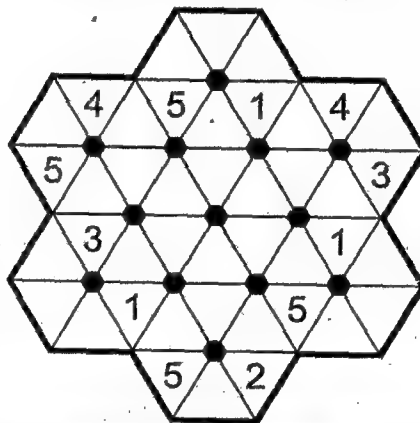


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	2			4		3
		8	7		9	
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	6			2		4
		9	3		2	1
3		5			6	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Kids' Maze Solution

GOLDFISH

Today's Word

3. solid; 4. shape

1. Inform; 2. Ignite;

solution

Because I don't have enough money to buy my favorite answer

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

Answer

RESHIP

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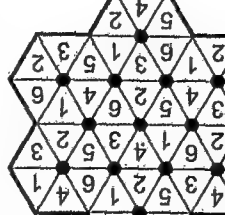
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Answer

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SNOWFLAKES

solution

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Prime Time Ski Club: Wear a helmet

The variable conditions at Sunday River ski area continue to fluctuate from firm, hardpacked snow to soft, slushy conditions, depending on the day and the time of day.

Early last week some of our members reported wonderful skiing before warmer temperatures and liquid precipitation moved in. Members' snow condition reports seem to depend on what time of day they skied and where they skied and the type of conditions they like to ski.

The number of Prime Time Ski Club members on the mountain seems to be dwindling along with the snow cover. However, there are still a good number of our members who aren't ready to give up skiing for the season yet so don't hesitate to join us weekdays around 10 a.m. at North Peak Lodge if you are looking for a ski buddy.

For those who are still skiing in these spring conditions, it's a good idea to

think about the importance of wearing a helmet. Warm temps and sunglasses are more conducive to skiing with bare heads or ball caps than a helmet. However, according to a study by the snow sports industry, helmets can reduce the incidence of non-threatening head injuries by as much as fifty percent. The rigid protection of a ski helmet can protect your head against scalp lacerations and minor bumps. (Yet, even with increased helmet usage by snow sports enthusiasts, serious injuries and death by head injury have not statistically been shown to have decreased.)

To make sure that your helmet is as effective as it can be, it's a good idea to check it each season and, according to most helmet manufacturers, replace it around every five years. Look for scratches on the exterior deep enough to fit your fingernail in, delamination between the plastic and foam and any cracks to the

interior foam.

The helmet manufacturers' five-year replacement suggestion comes from the fact that glues, resins and other materials used in helmet production can affect liner material as can hair oils, body fluids and cosmetics as well as normal wear and tear. Also, most helmets are designed for single impact use so if you have had a major crash with your helmet, you should replace it immediately.

With sales at local ski shops well underway now is a good time to look for a bargain when replacing your helmet. To make sure that the helmet fits properly try on a few different models by several manufacturers.

Once in place the helmet should grab your head in such a way that rocking it around with your hands moves the skin on your forehead even before securing the chin strap. When secured, the chin strap should have a little slack to allow

for breathing and talking. To get a helmet to fit securely you may need to adjust the foam padding and the circumference tension via wheels and internal straps. It's also important that your goggles fit with the helmet so bring goggles along when helmet shopping.

A Prime Time Ski Club column on goggle fit and selection was published earlier this season. You can go to the Prime Time Ski Club website, www.primetimeski-club.com, to read previously published columns and to check out club information and activities.

If you are 50 or older you can join club members weekdays at 10 a.m. at North Peak Lodge, upper level to the right, just beyond the bar. Some members also meet at 8:30 a.m. or so in the Mahosuc Room at South Ridge base lodge to boot up and get to the lifts as soon as they open at 9. Join us for some fun spring skiing and socializing on the deck!

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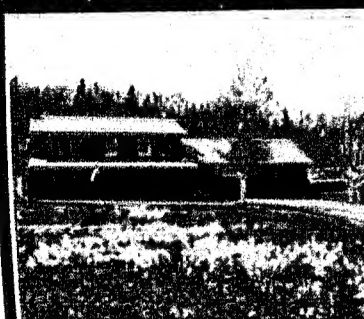
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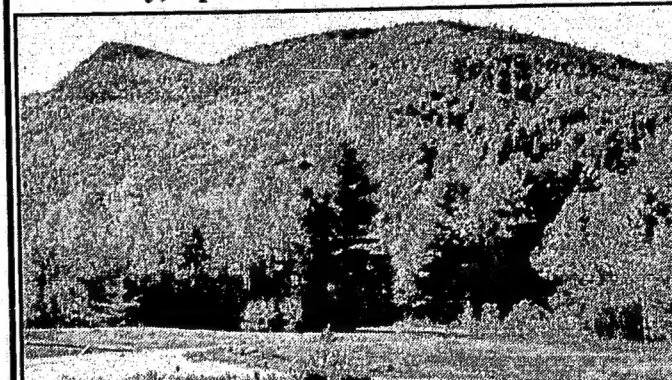
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SeniorsPlus Long Distance Learning presents Basic Medicare Information

SeniorsPlus, the designated Western Maine Agency on Aging, announces the March offering of their Long Distance Learning program, connecting community members in the West Paris area with live educational seminars being held at the Lewiston Education Center of SeniorsPlus.

The class, Basic Medicare Information, will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 1 p.m. at the West Paris Library in West Paris.

The instructor, Debra Cartwright, will give us information on the basics of Medicare's complex system. She will discuss when you need to sign up, ways to save money and provide information on the Medicare Buy-In Programs.

Community members who wish to join

the classroom at the West Paris Library need to register with SeniorsPlus. The class is free and all are welcome. For more information and to register, call 1-800-427-1241.

SeniorsPlus is a private non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to support independent living and healthy aging. It serves as the local Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties.

SeniorsPlus provides a network of support, information, services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. For more information, visit www.seniorsplus.org or call 207-795-4010 or 1-800-427-1241.

Age-Friendly Community news

The Age-Friendly Community Project planning team learned a great deal from the survey we administered to local citizens last fall, and we are moving forward in looking for solutions to some of the concerns that were expressed.

Want to help? We are eager to engage a variety of local citizens as we form task forces to get the creativity juices flowing!

Overwhelmingly respondents worry about their future transportation needs. We heard you and are forming a team to look into the most appropriate, practical combination of creative solutions for the communities of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, and Newry. If you'd like to help the planning team, you may contact its Chair, Allen Cressy (ajcressy@megalink.net, 824-0508).

As a dynamic kick-off for this pursuit,

the team sponsored a public meeting on March 10, with a panelist of specialists explaining where their programs might fit into the overall solution for our unique community.

For more detail on the information that was shared, see the related article in this newspaper.

Kudos to Michelle Conroy, Director of the Bethel Library, for initiating the Tech for Seniors Program which began on March 10.

This training provides electronic tablets (like iPads) for participants' use as they learn a multitude of skills from Telstar teacher/librarian Kelly Fraser. This session is 4 participants, 4 classes. We hope there will be additional groups in the future. FMI: Nancy Davis (nancy.davis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Linda Couture, pastor. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Rd, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Bethel Episcopal House Church - Bethel House Church meets the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. The location will rotate among member homes and the Intervale Meeting House, and The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal, Norway, leads the service and Eucharist. All are invited. FMI contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Timothy LeConey. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship - Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish. Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NORTH WATERFORD/STONEHAM Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and casual--church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday

morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m. Wednesday, Ladies' Bible Study- Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



DOUGLASS S. GREENLEAF

Douglass S. Greenleaf, 53, of Bethel, passed away suddenly at Maine Medical Center, surrounded by his family on March 11.

He was born in Berlin, N.H. on Dec. 15, 1962 the son of Eldon and Ann (Douglass) Greenleaf.

Doug was a lifetime resident of Bethel. He attended local schools and graduated from Telstar High School in 1981. He worked for his family at the Greenleaf Funeral Home for most of his childhood and during high school. Then after he graduated he worked as a mechanic, then as a master burner technician. Doug was a hardworking, educated man who dedicated his skills to Brooks Bros. and Community Energy.

Even though Doug was an avid Patriots fan, he was happy to see Peyton Manning retire with a win. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and cheering for his favorite driver, Gordon. Doug raced the 07 stock car at Oxford Plains Speedway for several years with his brother Nate always by his side. He took pleasure in going on adventures with his best friend Ricky and cruising on his Harley

with his friend Mark. One of his most prized possessions was his Mustang. Doug was a wonderful dad and loved spending time with his two girls. They loved going to camp to watch scary movies, going to the drive-in, taking his youngest daughter Kayla to the races and joining his oldest daughter Leora for midnight movie premieres. Doug's most cherished moment was being able to meet and hold his beautiful granddaughter, Sadie.

Doug was predeceased by his father Eldon of Bethel. He is survived by his mother Ann of Bethel; two brothers, Nathan and his wife Sandra of Stow and Nathanael of South Paris - Carla Jacobson Home; two daughters, Leora of Bethel and Kayla and her husband Anthony, and their daughter Sadie of Lovell and two nephews, Josh of Texas and Bowen of Stow. Doug also left behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Doug's visiting hours will be Friday, March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Greenleaf Chapel, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. His memorial service will be Saturday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Bethel, with a reception following downstairs. The family asks that in lieu of flowers you please make a donation in memory of Doug to: Oxford County Special Olympics, c/o Pam Lovely, Key Bank, 369 Main Street Norway, Maine 04268.



ROBERT C. GOULD SR.

Robert C. Gould Sr., of Albany Township, peacefully passed away at the age of 85 at home with his family by his side.

He was born in Wakefield, R.I., on Dec. 21, 1930. He was the son of Frederick and Dorothy Gould. He attended school in Peace Dale, R.I. He was employed at the Peacedale Mill and then went to work for the University of Rhode Island for 17 years.

He then moved to Albany Township, where he raised game birds until he retired.

On Sept. 20, 1952, he married the love of his life, Janet Elizabeth Andrews. They spent 63 wonderful years together.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed being outdoors and working in his tool shed.

He was a great story teller who loved singing and playing the guitar to his wife and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Elizabeth Gould of Albany Township and their six children, JoAnne and Denny Corey of North Kings-town, R.I., Rita Mathias and Colin Wing of Livingston, Tex., Robin Adams and the late Mark Sterns of Albany Township, Sharon and Alfred Leighton of Gilead, Clay and Judy Gould of Bethel, Nancy and Jodie Sabins of Albany Township.

He is also survived by his grandchildren whom he adored: Dianne, Jason, Jennifer, Cathy, Eric, Kelly, Jessica, Michael, Krystle, Kyle, Maranda, Jonathan, Ashley, Mitchell, 27 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Fredrick and Dorothy Gould; his brothers, Bill and George Gould; two nephews, Rick and Steve Gould; and a great-grandson Riley Marble. Condolences may be found online at www.albert-burpee.com.

Services will be private. Donations may be made in his memory to a charity of your choice.

BANC program: Build skills to build community

The Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC) and Lift360 are pleased to offer the BANC Community Leadership Program, a four-session training program April 4 and 11, and May 2 and 9, 2016 from 4-7 p.m. Individuals who want to get involved in the community are encouraged to participate. Each session will provide high-quality training from experts in the field and equip participants with important skills for serving on nonprofit boards, committees, and other volunteer positions. The program will also build connections between community members and nonprofit organizations. Participants will walk away from the program with new opportunities to share their skills, interests and energy with the community.

The fee for the entire program (4 sessions) is \$100. Scholarships are available, as we don't want cost to be a barrier to participate. Each session will be held at a different location in the Bethel area and will include refreshments. The deadline to register is March 28th. For more information or to register, please contact Amy Scott at (207) 357-3189 or amyscott@bethelmainenonprofits.org.

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Bethel Historical Society news

Upcoming events

This spring, the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society will host or co-host a fun and interesting series of programs and special events. The first will take place on Saturday, March 26, when the annual Women's History Month program will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Bethel Inn. Co-sponsored by the Ski Museum of Maine, the presentation will include a PowerPoint talk on the history of women in Maine skiing, followed by a panel discussion featuring women leaders in several fields of the sport and industry of skiing. Program sponsorship has been provided by the Halsted Agency, Inc., Mahoosuc Realty, Maine Street Realty, Sunday River Realty, Carter's XC Ski Center, Mountain Real Estate, Ruthie's/Bethel Village Motel; special thanks also goes to Tourmaline Media, Royal River Graphics, and Pooh Corner Farm and Greenhouses.

On Thursday, April 28, starting at 5 p.m., the much-awaited "Antiquarian Supper" will again take place at the Mason House (14 Broad Street). Held every few years, this special fundraising event honors and continues a Bethel tradition begun in 1855. Participants are encouraged to dress in "old-fashioned" clothing (anything not current) and to bring a "relic" (collectible) to exhibit and describe. There will be several "ancient" foods to sample, along with several choices of modern fare. Traditional music and not a few surprises are sure to create a fun evening for all. Admission by donation: adults, \$10; those 18 & under, \$5. Please call 824-2908 to reserve a place at this unique event.

Members and the general public are invited on May 31 to help BHS celebrate 50 years of collecting, preserving, and sharing this region's history. This event, beginning at 7 p.m. is will include highlights of the Society's history, followed by a special performance of 1920s jazz, ragtime and blues performed by "Miss Maybell and Slimpickins," two young musicians (and accomplished plain air artists) from Jackson, N.H. And, of course, there will be birthday cake! The free event will be held in the exhibit hall of the Dr. Moses Mason House.

Finally, on June 24, the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society will open a new exhibit at the Robinson House entitled "The Mountains of Maine: Skiing in the Pine Tree State." On loan from the New England Ski Museum at Franconia Notch, this display features some 60 photographs and artwork with text and captions drawn from the collections of the NESM, with considerable assistance provided by the Ski Museum of Maine—which was instrumental in securing the display for BHS and which will loan a number of posters and artifacts to augment the photographs.

Rare Albany, Maine, diaries purchased

Thanks to two very generous donations to the Collections Fund, six small, but highly detailed, diaries kept by Jacob Lovejoy (1812-1895), an Albany, Maine, storekeeper, church deacon, postmaster, town treasurer, farmer, and selectman, have been added to the Society's archival holdings. Currently being transcribed and annotated by member Michael S. Stowell (a major supporter of this project), the diaries—dating from 1863 to 1892—provide an in-depth view of daily life in a small, western Maine town during the second half of the 19th century. Mr. Stowell plans to eventually issue the edited transcriptions in published form.

Matching Funds sought for Internship Fund

The Museums of the Bethel Historical Society have received a \$1,000 matching gift from an anonymous benefactor in support of the "High School History Internship Program Fund." The actual project was inaugurated in 2007 to provide valuable historical education experiences for qualified students in grades 9 through 12 in SAD 44 and Gould Academy (students who are homeschooled or attending school elsewhere, but whose parents are legal residents of SAD 44, are also eligible). Interns participate in a variety of activities, including house museum interpretation, historical walking tours, exhibit research and preparation, special event and programming development, and collections management. This educational opportunity offers important public history experiences and numerous insights into the preservation and interpretation of local and regional history. Matching donations have already been gratefully received from Karen and Don Bean, and Rosemary Bunn Laban. Anyone wishing to add to the Fund, which stands at just over \$15,000 and whose goal is at least \$20,000, can send a tax-deductible gift to P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217.

Located on Broad Street in Bethel (founded in 1768 and incorporated in 1796), the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society is a vibrant regional organization that collects, preserves, displays, and interprets the history of western Maine and the White Mountain area of Maine and New Hampshire through exhibits, lectures, events, and publications. The Museums feature seven exhibit galleries and nine period rooms spread throughout two buildings—the 1821 O'Neil Robinson House and the 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House. An extensive on-site research library contains books, manuscripts, maps and photographs available to members and the general public year-round by appointment. The museum collection contains thousands of objects that tell the story of the town of Bethel and the surrounding region.

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